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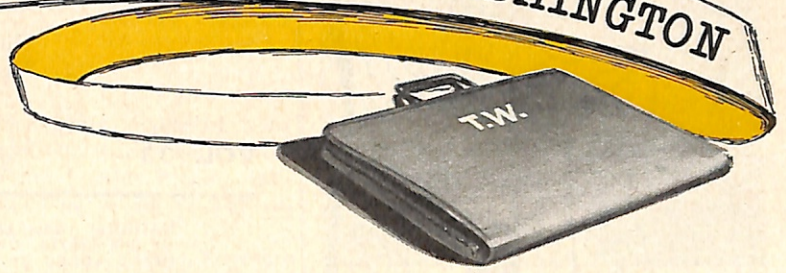
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TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



BENEATH the political flubdub a serious undercurrent runs in Washington these days. What about war? It can be noted in the gossip of post-Lenten cocktail parties and in the whispered conversations at diplomatic functions. Each foreign crisis, real or imaginary, brings its crop of war scares. Prophets of gloom interpret remarks gleaned from high press conferences as bad news. Washington newspapermen, however, day by day, are giving accurate accounts of the foreign relations situation, and the picture, while not rosy, is certainly not dark. War of course is unpredictable. The Administration has carefully kept from rocking the boat and is seeking to adjust various differences in both the Far East and the European theaters. We are building better solidarity. We seek closer friendship with our Latin-American neighbors. Progress is being made. At the same time, the nation has taken long strides to strengthen its preparedness. Almost every week news comes of astounding new weapons, better protection against possible attack. Civilian Defense has gradually built up its program until it reaches into every part of the land. Communism has been practically rooted out of governmental departments and defense plants. Labor unions have cleared their memberships of subversives to a remarkable degree. Peace will be maintained if the people have the courage to be patient, to give time for muddy waters to settle and become clear. We remain strong but not belligerent.

SACRED COW STILL FLIES

Franklin D. Roosevelt's famous "Sacred Cow" C-54 plane, which has reeled off nearly a million and a half miles, is now at Bolling Air Force Base, still going strong. It has had a complete overhauling, a new paint job and the interior has been changed. But the armor-plated window in FDR's suite is still there and the ship seems to fly with an air of distinguished grace as would befit one which has carried three Presidents and a host of foreign notables.

SCIENCE WORKS SECRETLY

Most government activities in Washington go for full publicity, through press releases, pictures and occasional press conferences, but there is one which operates behind closed doors. It is known

as the "disturbed children's" clinic and it has a section of the huge National Institutes of Health research center in Bethesda. Here a group of children, commonly classed as delinquents, are being studied by scientists. They are between 6 and 14; where they come from, who they are and what ails them is secret. They live in a home atmosphere. There is nothing of the hospital or institution in their surroundings. They study and play, have recreational games, with friendly grownups watching on, always with the eye of the scientist. Dr. Fritz Redl, nationally known social scientist, is in charge. The kids love him. He plays a guitar and sings, likes to mess around with them. From this secret center the answer to juvenile delinquency problems may come. Scientific research is at work, just as in another section it is trying to find the answer to another baffling mystery—cancer.

FEDERAL EFFICIENCY FIT

Federal efficiency experts are having a fit over the cost of operating the four draw bridges over the Potomac River. Each has a span which can open to permit boats with masts and funnels to pass through. These spans cost \$3,500,000 and last year they were opened 315 times, or less than once a day. It costs \$278,000 a year to operate them, let alone the cost of traffic delays.

WASHINGTON LOWDOWN

New edition of the "Bol'shaia Sovetskaia Entsiklopidiia," meaning Soviet Encyclopedia, says Washington is a city of government employees and agents of Wall Street. It says the center of the city is filled with parks and government buildings and the outskirts settled by the poor. So this reporter, branded an agent of Wall Street, lives with the poor in the outskirts.

LEST WE FORGET

Close by the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery, the Trophy Room, housing priceless tributes, is in a shabby state. Large sections of plaster have fallen and paint has peeled from the walls. This disgraceful condition is due to governmental red tape but will be corrected if veterans and patriotic organizations put on the pressure. It will take a \$175,000 appropriation to restore

the building and the matter has been placed before a House Appropriations sub-committee.

MONEY MIXUP

Key to a lock on an inner door to a big vault in the Bureau of Printing and Engraving was lost by an employee, and the lock was changed in a hurry. There was no worry. The millions of bills inside were not in finished form and a big 400-pound outer door, worked by a combination lock, was okay.

BIRDS IN TUXEDOS

The newly arrived penguins from Antarctica, with their spotless white fronts and jet black flippers, are attracting record crowds at the Zoo. They look so formal men folks feel like going home and putting on their tuxedos before calling. They were flown from Buenos Aires.

H BOMB FACTS

A little folder, "Facts About the H Bomb," which could save your life, is on sale by the government printing office at \$2.75 per 100 for Civil Defense groups. It is not pleasant reading. There is a reminder—put a mark at 640 and 1240 on the dial of your radio for that is where information will come in time of emergency.

CAPITAL CUTTINGS

Over 11,700 taxis in Washington are doing a good Spring tourist business... Congressional secretaries will take a woe of a trip to Hawaii the last two weeks in October... There's a movie theater seat for one of every 14 people in the U.S., which adds up to a lot of popcorn... P. O. has shut down on subscriptions to Russian newspapers unless you need them for special purposes... Federal Housing will approve your loan to build a bomb proof shelter in the backyard... Commissioner of Narcotics Harry J. Anslinger says Communist China has tripled its opium poppy growing acreage and hopes to spread dope addiction here... Folks used to throw pennies into the Lincoln Reflecting Pool for good luck but workmen who cleaned it this Spring found only a few... A deeper channel four miles long was dredged in the Potomac for a cruise boat which will make its maiden voyage here in May.



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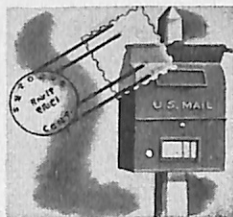
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What Our Readers



Have to Say

One of the happiest moments in the rather hectic few weeks preceding our 43rd anniversary was the one when Mary Hetznecker of our Community Relations unit rushed over to show me the editorial, "Did It," in your March issue. I wish I'd written it. Certainly, there was no tribute paid to Girl Scouting during this annual celebration which surpassed it in heart-appeal. Enclosed is a copy of a recent Girl Scout publication, "Daisy Low of the Girl Scouts," and a color presentation of Girl Scout emblems and insignia. Will you please pass them along with our compliments, to the "Do It" Brownie of the editorial?

Mary Howard Ellison
Director, Magazine Service
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of America
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We were in the midst of redecorating our bedroom, including wallpapering, about which we knew little. You can imagine our pleasant surprise in finding the most helpful article on this subject in the March issue at such an opportune time. Needless to say, we finished with a professional looking job for which we thank the Elks Workshop.

John Mrazik
Long Beach, Calif.

I would like to go on record that I thoroughly enjoy the Elks Magazine in its entirety. Your new Elks Workshop Department is an excellent and helpful idea. Do hope you will continue it.

Roy C. S. Millar
Tacoma, Wash.

Your article in the March issue regarding how to hang wallpaper couldn't have come at a more opportune time—

GRAND FORUM APPOINTMENT

Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick has appointed Fred B. Mellmann of Oakland, Calif., Lodge No. 171, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees (1942-1943), to complete John L. Walker's year as a member of the Grand Forum. Mr. Walker resigned recently as Chief Justice of the Grand Forum, an office which will be filled for the balance of the year by John F. Scileppi of Queens Borough, N.Y., Lodge No. 878.

just as we decided to tackle such a project. Congratulations on your excellent Elks Workshop, a worthy addition to our topnotch Magazine.

Lee Cretarolo
Palo Alto, Calif.

As to my comments regarding your new Elks Workshop Department, I wish to assure you that I enjoy it a lot. It's a wonderful addition to an already enjoyable Magazine.

Louis E. Smith
Scotia 2, N. Y.

I would like to tell you how much I enjoy the "In The Doghouse" articles. They are interesting, informative and readable. Also, I like Ed Faust's tolerance for non-pure-breds as against pure-breds, and the foibles of the people who are either owned by, or owners of (?) dogs.

Mrs. Kathleen Matekel
Phoenix, Ariz.

Your Travel Department planned such a nice trip last year to the Black Hills of South Dakota that we are requesting another planned trip for this coming July. Our destination will be the Canadian Rockies Region. Many thanks for this courteous service; it certainly is appreciated.

Daniel J. Keeley
Greenwood, R. I.

First, let me tell you how very enjoyable and informative your "For Elks Who Travel" column has become. This praise may be repetitious, but I did want you to know that your efforts are appreciated out here on the West Coast.

Robert Frost
Hollywood 46, Calif.

Every half-semester I have the privilege to read a 30-hour course in Philosophy before an overflow of engineering students here at Georgia Tech. Within the framework of this course I emphasize the influence of our American Lodges and Order upon character formation and social and ethical behavior. As a Hitler refugee Americanism has a special significance to me, and one week after I became an American citizen in 1944 I joined the Elks.

Dr. Robert Scharf
Atlanta, Ga.

While this is an extract from a letter originally written to Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick in appreciation of the speech Mr. Jernick delivered on his visit to Atlanta Lodge, we are running it in our Readers' Column, because it so strikingly shows what the Order has brought to a Brother as a contribution to his freedom.



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TWILIGHT KILL

McShane had a problem he never faced as a cop.

BY WILLIAM FAY

McSHANE, who had been a tough cop for a long time in New York, walked down among the children of the summer camp and attempted to be gentle and reassuring, in his way. The campers, ages eight to fourteen, began to gather on the lake shore with their counselors the moment they saw him coming through the pine trees from his cabin on the hill. The path between the trees was steep and slippery because of all the needles that had fallen from the pines. McShane, whose game leg now and then betrayed him, slipped once, badly, and had to grab a tree in passing. He did not believe this assisted his

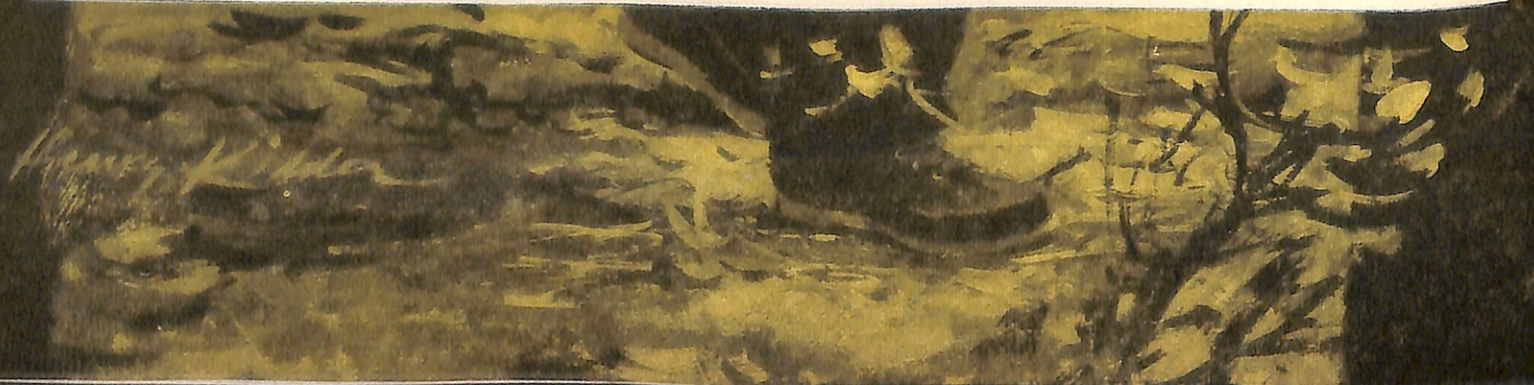
dignity or bolstered the children's confidence in him.

"Are they still here, Hoppy?" one of the children asked. The "Hoppy" business, which had its justification in McShane's bum leg and its inspiration in a celebrated cowboy character, was corny, he supposed, but there was not much he could do about it. The boy who had spoken was nine years old and he wore glasses as thick as Macy's window. He was unable to see the two men on the porch of the highest cabin. His name was Donahue and he looked Irish and skinny and scared. "They didn't go yet, Hobby?"

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ILLUSTRATED BY HARVEY KIDDER

Francis Reagan walked first, as the men had instructed him. And Cookie went next.





News of the Lodges

Santa Barbara, Calif., Elks' Community Program Lauded

"Santa Barbara Elks are to be commended for an outstanding public service," was the statement made recently in a laudatory editorial published by the local *News-Press*. The commentary referred to the splendid gesture of good will on the part of Santa Barbara Lodge No. 613 when its members played hosts to a group of students from 27 foreign countries. The 43 students are attending Southland colleges on an exchange basis. The two-day visit, a major civic activity of the lodge, was arranged by a Committee headed by Est. Loyal Knight Jerry Harwin, with the Elks underwriting the entire expense of the trip, part of a tour of seven California cities.

The young strangers were given an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with the city's past and present. This was accomplished through the

Santa Barbara Elks' far-sightedness in inviting prominent civic and business leaders and public officials to join the visitors at a gala banquet at their home at which Grand Lodge State Assns. Committee Chairman Vincent H. Grocott presided.

Some of Santa Barbara's Spanish background was explained by Mayor John T. Rickard in his address of welcome, when he discussed the community's cultural aspects. Rabbi Max H. Kert was another fine speaker among the distinguished guests who included Dr. Clark Kuebler, Provost at Santa Barbara College, Dean Lyle Reynolds, *News-Press* publisher T. M. Storke and County Supt. of Schools H. D. Caywood. Entertainment included a magician and a fine musical program, with a special feature a delineation of Indian lore by the Order of the Rainbow of the Boy Scouts.

The students, who were guests at a dance that evening at Santa Barbara

College International House, were joined by a group of well-known citizens on a television program on KEYT, and the following morning they enjoyed breakfast with the Elks at their home.

"Thus did our young visitors get a rare insight into a unique American community," the *News-Press* editorial concluded. "The inevitable bonus will be greater international understanding. For this, and for the delightful occasion that was the setting, the Elks deserve congratulations."

Medford, Ore., Elks' Student Project Rings Freedom's Bell

Once again Medford Lodge No. 1168 scored a direct hit in the handling of its Student Government Program, a two-day observance highlighted by the announcement that Medford High School had won the coveted Freedom Foundation Award for citizenship projects. An outstanding achievement, inasmuch as it is one of only 28 made throughout the country and the single presentation in the Oregon school system, it was the result of the students' documentation of the project, inaugurated by the Elks seven years ago and continued by the lodge as an annual activity.

State Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, Profes-



At Nashua, N. H., Lodge's Washington's Birthday observance when nearly 400 Elks applauded State Attorney General L. C. Wyman's major address, left to right: E.R. G. C. Titus, Mr. Wyman, P.D.D. Carl A. Savage, General Chairman, and P.E.R. D. F. Quirk, Toastmaster.



Photographed during Waterbury, Conn., Elksdom's tribute to its Old Timers were, left to right: Chairman Joseph Samoska, E.R. James D. Slavin, Joseph P. Hosey, the lodge's fourth oldest Elk in membership, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson, principal speaker.



A view of the speakers' table during Santa Barbara, Calif., Lodge's welcome to a group of 43 foreign students, which won the plaudits of the entire community. Pictured fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth from

left, respectively, are Rev. Wm. J. Ryan, S.J., Mrs. John T. Rickard and Mayor Rickard, Chairman Vincent H. Grocott of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee and Charles M. Taylor, E.R. of the host lodge.

Troy, N. Y., Elks Launch Star-Spangled Youth Program

Troy Lodge No. 141 has secured photostatic reproductions of Francis Scott Key's original manuscript of "The Star-Spangled Banner", and has presented mounted facsimiles of the historic document to the pupils in 56 public, parochial and private elementary and secondary schools of the community.

In conjunction with this presentation, the lodge is sponsoring a contest, open to all students of these schools, to be known as "A Portrait of the American Flag." In announcing the gifts, which include booklets containing the composition's fascinating background, E.R. T. J. Strang called the new venture another step in his lodge's "continuous efforts to make our history an ever-increasing topic of interest to citizens in general, and school children in particular."

The copies of the hand-written script were procured by the lodge through the Maryland Historical Society.

The contest will be conducted under a new formula. Instead of confining submissions to essays, students may also submit song, verse, poem, cartoon, drawing or painting to delineate their ideas of what most forcefully presents the true significance of our National Emblem. In making this departure, the Troy Elks feel that the "latitude of expression will allow each student to work in his own field of competence", resulting in more diversified and individualized entries.

Individual prizes will be awarded, and to the school attended by the first-prize winner an American Flag, one flown from the Fort McHenry National Monument, will be presented on loan for an indefinite period.

P.E.R. T. M. Guerin, Jr., is General Chairman for this program which has been greeted with enthusiasm.

*O say can you see through the dawn's early light,
 while so proudly on hill's and on plain,
 the great emblem that floats and flutters through the air,
 O'er the ramparts our watch-towers, were so gallantly streaming?
 And the rocket's red glare, the bomb bursting in air,
 gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
 O say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
 O'er the land of the free in the home of the brave?*

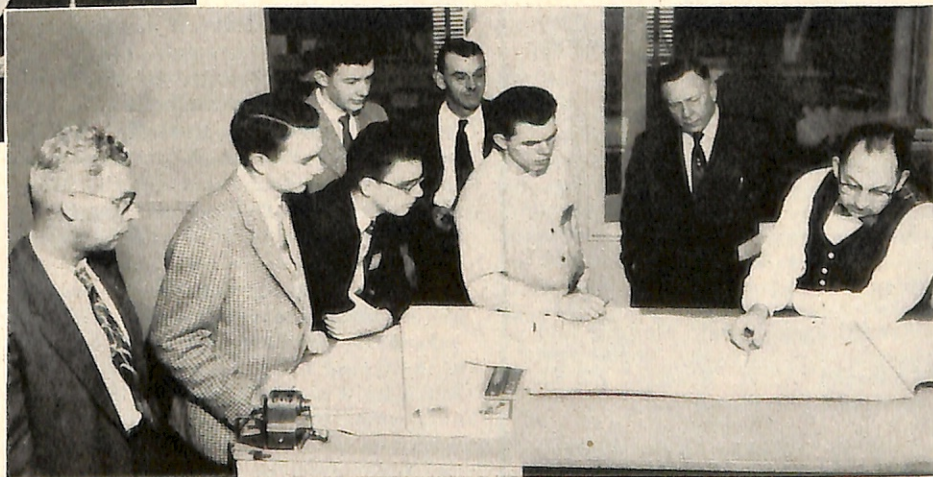
*On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
 where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
 what is that which the breeze, o'er the towering deep,
 as it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
 Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
 in full glory reflected now shines in the stream,
 'Tis the Star-Spangled Banner — O long may it wave
 O'er the land of the free in the home of the brave!*

*And where is that band who so valiantly swore,
 that the havoc of war & the battle's confusion,
 a home & a Country should leave us no more?
 — Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.
 No refuge could save the hireling & slave
 from the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,
 And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph doth wave
 O'er the land of the free in the home of the brave.*

*O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
 between their lov'd home & the war's desolation,
 Blest with vict'ry or peace may the heav'n rescued land
 praise the power that hath made & preserved us a nation!
 Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
 and this be our motto — "In God is our trust."
 And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
 O'er the land of the free in the home of the brave.*



Left: Pictured during the recent meeting of the Illinois N.E. Dist., at Evanston, during which Chairman Wm. A. Lauer received \$4,182.41 for the Veterans Hospital program are, left to right foreground: Aurora E.R. John B. Kuney, Waukegan E.R. Gerald B. Hanna, host E.R. Frank A. Vossell, Mr. Lauer, Des Plaines E.R. William J. Moreth and Cicero-Berwyn E.R. Robert B. Nemec. Background: Dist. Trustee George Robinson, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, D.D. George T. Hickey, Dist. Vice-Pres. Maurice W. Lee, Chicago (So.) E.R. Bert L. Daly and Est. Lead. Knight John Maccono of Chicago (No.) Lodge.



This year's observance of Medford, Ore., Lodge's Student Government Day was by far the most successful to date. A program presented to the delegates to the Ore. State Elks Assn.'s Midwinter Session, it was heartily approved for adoption as a State-wide activity. Pictured in the office of the City Engineer with Mayor Earl Miller, City Mgr. Robert Duff, Public Works Director Vernon Thorpe and City Engineer E. N. McKinstry are some of the students of Medford High School who took over the duties of civic administration for the day. The Medford school's report on the project the Elks have sponsored for seven years won it one of 28 Freedoms Foundation Awards for which thousands of the Nation's schools competed.

sor of Political Science at Willamette Univ., was applauded by 300 dinner guests of E.R. F. T. Hussong and his lodge when he praised the Elk-sponsored participation in civic government by high school students as "a great contribution to the thing we call Democracy". This dinner, attended by many civic dignitaries, is an annual feature of this Medford program.

The 1955 council meeting at City Hall, conducted by 82 students elected by their classmates in eight county high schools to take over city and county government business for the day, was the final event in the Elks' project which included several radio and TV programs in which the youngsters participated.

LODGE NOTES

Jacksonville Beach, Fla., Lodge is growing steadily, with initiations on the program at many of its regular sessions. At the March meeting, for instance, a fine group was welcomed as the E.R. Clarence L. Gillham Class.

Last month this column carried an item about Henry Foster, a Life Member of Creede, Colo., Lodge since 1908. A check revealed that Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge's Wm. F. Schad bettered this record by seven years. Since then we have heard from Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Lodge about 81-year-old P.E.R. Walter M. Stroup who his lodge believes is the oldest living P.D.D., an office he held in 1922. Mr. Schad has done it again—he's 85, and served the first of three terms as D.D. in 1910.

In the Illinois S.E. Dist. Ritualistic Contest at Robinson, all 13 lodges of the area competed, revealing their great interest in this work. Mattoon's entry emerged as victor in the two-day competition.

When the Cleveland Browns, Pro Football Champions, engaged in a basketball game with the McKean All-Stars for the benefit of the County Heart Assn., Bradford, Pa., Elks cooperated with the sponsoring Bradford Journal by hosting the visitors at a luncheon. E.R. Bernard Beezer, D.D. Wm. W. Milks, P.E.R. G. A. Herald and Est. Lead. Knight L. J. Freaney arranged the successful good-will affair under Chairman L. A. Smith, P.E.R.

Palo Alto, Calif., Lodge entertained some 600 members at a dinner-meeting honoring its P.E.R.'s and Old Timers on the lodge's 30th Anniversary. A total of 73 Elks were awarded special pins denoting memberships ranging from 30 to 50+ years.

Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., Lodge has provided Lifteez invalid lift units to Riverview Hospital and the Wood County Infirmary. The purchase of the \$400 units, which enable one attendant to lift a patient from a bed to a wheelchair, bathtub or car, was financed through several Elk-sponsored stage shows. E.R. Harold Larson and Welfare and Community Service Foundation Chairman A. A. Ritchay, P.E.R., made the presentations.

At St. Joseph, Mich., Lodge's Old Timers Night, 425 Elks enjoyed entertainment by the Mid-state Four, former National Barbershop Quartet Champions. The banquet honored Elks of 25 or more years as Old Timers, those of 35 or more as Life Members.



An outstanding event of Sumter, S. C., Lodge was the observance of the Order's Anniversary when this all-military class was initiated in honor of General Edward J. Timberlake, one of the candidates, seated left, and 15 other Ninth Air Force officers, including four colonels, five lieutenant-colonels, four majors, a captain and a warrant officer. Among the 210 members who witnessed the impressive ceremony were, standing left to right: D.D. E. T. Gullledge, P.D.D. W. H. Harth of the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials, State Pres. Louis E. Burmester, E.R. Thomas W. Kerlin and his officers who performed the Ritual, P.D.D. C. F. Hottinzer and George D. Levy.



Boston, Mass., Lodge Presents a Candidate for Grand Treasurer

Boston Lodge No. 10, by unanimous resolution on January 19, 1955, authorized its representative to the Grand Lodge Convention in Philadelphia, to present the name of Edward A. Spry for the office of Grand Treasurer.

Edward A. Spry became a member of Boston Lodge in 1924, and having served in the subordinate chairs of his lodge, was elected Exalted Ruler in 1939.

In 1945, he accepted the Chairmanship of the Mass. Elks Veterans Hospital Committee when the War Department maintained within his State 19 hospitals for the care of approximately 17,000 veterans. At each hospital, under Mr. Spry's direction monthly entertainments by professional talent were given. In 1946 he was elected President of his State Association. He was Chairman of the Mass. Elks National Foundation Committee from 1947 through 1950; the contribution the Elks of his State made to the Foundation during that time is one of his proudest achievements.

In 1947 and 1948, he was a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities. From 1949 through 1951, when he became its Chairman, Edward Spry served on the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee. In 1953, he was elected to the Board of Grand Trustees to serve out an unexpired term of one year.

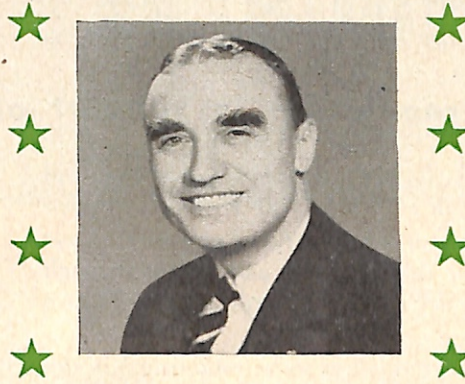
Confident of his business acumen and personal integrity, and proud of his long service to our Order, Boston Lodge respectfully presents him as its candidate for Grand Treasurer.

With the first officers of the newly instituted Liberal, Kans., Lodge are D.D. Charles L. Gray, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James, Liberal's first E.R. Carlos Wood and State Pres. Raymond F. Green, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh from left foreground, respectively.

1955 STATE CONVENTIONS

STATE	PLACE	DATE
Ohio	Columbus	Apr. 28-29-30, May 1
Kansas	Wichita	Apr. 28-29-30, May 1
*Nebraska	Broken Bow	Apr. 30, May 1
*Wisconsin	Neenah-Menasha	Apr. 30, May 1
Wyoming	Greybull	May 5-6-7
Arizona	Tucson	May 11-12-13-14
New Mexico	Roswell	May 12-13-14
Alabama	Homewood	May 13-14-15
Mississippi	Gulfport	May 13-14-15
Oklahoma	Ardmore	May 13-14-15
*Massachusetts	Winthrop	May 15
Georgia	Brunswick	May 19-20-21
Kentucky	Paducah	May 19-20-21
New York	Rochester	May 19-20-21
Florida	Miami	May 20-21-22
Indiana	French Lick	May 20-21-22
Arkansas	Fort Smith	May 21-22
*Colorado	Longmont	May 21-22
North Carolina	Winston-Salem	May 26-27-28
Utah	Cedar City	May 26-27-28
Illinois	Springfield	May 27-28-29
Missouri	St. Louis	May 27-28-29
Texas	El Paso	June 1-2-3-4
Vermont	Rutland	June 2-3-4
Oregon	Ashland	June 2-3-4-5
Iowa	Sioux City	June 3-4
So. Dakota	Yankton	June 3-4-5
Nebraska	Alliance	June 4-5-6
No. Dakota	Mandan	June 5-6-7
Maine	Rockland	June 10-11-12
Michigan	Sault Ste. Marie	June 10-11-12
Minnesota	Thief River Falls	June 9-10-11-12
Connecticut	New Britain	June 10-11
South Carolina	Columbia	June 10-11-12
Idaho	Kellogg	June 16-17-18
New Jersey	Asbury Park	June 17-18
Rhode Island	Westerly	June 18-19
Washington	Aberdeen	June 23-24-25
Massachusetts	Harwichport	June 25-26
*Spring Meetings		

AS ELKDOM SOWS



AMERICA REAPS

A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

AS YOUR GRAND EXALTED RULER I have been privileged to visit many lodges, many communities and every state. Seeing first hand the great works of Elkdom I have thrilled with pride to be at the helm of the Order of Elks. Each of you can be thrilled and proud of your membership in our fraternity, each of you can walk with head up high and point to the Elks emblem in the lapel of your coat and say "I am an Elk and I am proud to be an Elk."

YOU CAN BE PROUD OF THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING AN ELK

You can be proud because you are one of 1,150,000 God-fearing, red-blooded Americans who believe in and love their God, their country and their fellow men. Proud because you are privileged whether you be Catholic, Protestant or Jew, Democrat or Republican, to assume an obligation to practice and promote the cardinal principles of our Order—Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

Ours is the charity that consists not alone of the giving to the needy but also the charity of thought, word and deed. Ours is the Brotherly Love that has given us the beautiful motto "The faults of our Brothers we write upon the sands, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory," Brotherly Love based on the Golden Rule which tells us to do unto others as we would they should do unto

us. Ours is the justice inclined toward mercy, not magnifying the faults but extolling the virtues of our fellow men. Ours is the kind of fidelity which tells us to be faithful and loyal to our God and our country, our homes and loved ones.

You may be proud of your membership because privileged to go about as a united group through your 1,750 lodges, your State Associations and your Grand Lodge Commissions and Committees promoting welfare and enhancing the happiness of your fellow citizens, quickening the spirit of American patriotism, cultivating good fellowship, giving aid to the sick and to the poor.

FOR PATRIOTIC REASONS ELKDOM PERFORMS MANY GOOD DEEDS

Our patriotism leads us to provide entertainment for the disabled veterans, give aid to the paraplegics, provide the equipment, the tools, the know-how so that when these men are discharged from the hospitals they may again be normal, self sustaining individuals.

For young people we erect recreational camps and centers, ball parks, swimming pools; establish scholarships, Most Valuable Student and Youth Leadership awards providing for young men and women the opportunity of higher education to help them attain their professions and vocations.

We erect centers and clinics and provide mobile units with therapists and equipment to help those afflicted with cerebral palsy, erect hospitals for crippled children and give aid to the mentally retarded.

OUR HOME IN BEDFORD

You can also be proud of your beautiful Elks National Home at Bedford, Virginia, where our Brothers may spend the sunset years of their lives in the peace and security of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains.

You can be proud of these contributions because you have given of your time, effort, energy and money—hundreds of millions of dollars since the beginning of our Order, last year alone over \$7,000,000 for worthwhile humanitarian, charitable, patriotic and civic programs.

These are but a few of your achievements, accomplishments of which you may be proud. They may be multiplied a hundred fold, but each represents your sowing and performance of good deeds for your community, State and our America. Let's continue to sow these seeds of good deeds. Let's nurture them so they will grow and multiply. Let's continue to work and pray—pray God that we may keep our America the land of opportunity and freedom for,
AS ELKDOM SOWS, AMERICA REAPS

William J. Jernick

WILLIAM J. JERNICK
GRAND EXALTED RULER

★ Gold Star Certificate Program Objective No. 6. Participation in Elks National Service Commission Program for Veterans.

-- in the interest of our

COUNTRY'S DEFENDERS

Elkdom values its reputation in support of our fighting men

THE ORDER'S WILLINGNESS to assist our Government and our Armed Forces was made evident at the outbreak of World War I, when adequate care of sick and wounded servicemen overseas was of urgent necessity. Your Grand Lodge appropriated \$1,000,000 for this purpose, and it was through this fund that the first two base hospitals set up in the battle area in France were made possible.

The first Reconstruction Hospital for war casualties to be established in the United States was a 700-bed facility constructed and equipped by the Order in Boston, Mass., and turned over to the Government in November, 1918.

It was at that time that your Fraternity created its revolving fund through which it was able to assist over 40,000 disabled veterans during their vocational training period. The detailed system of disbursement of these moneys originated by the Grand Lodge was found so practicable that it was adopted by a government agency in distributing its own funds.



WHEN WORLD WAR II presented its problems to our Government, the Order's reputation for ready cooperation and know-how was well established, and its assistance in recruiting Flying Cadets was requested. Over 400 lodges organized and conducted refresher-course schools to qualify men for the Air Corps with such excellent results that the Army called upon the Elks for aid in recruiting 45,000 Air Corps ground crewmen; within a few months 97,000 had been secured. The Elks came through in such record time when the Navy asked for help in recruiting flyers that we were the only organization solicited when both the Army and Navy were in vital need of engineers and Seabees. This faith in our efforts was rewarded when we were able to fill their quota three months ahead of schedule.

WITH THIS RECORD of accomplishment for reference, it is not surprising that your Government continues to call upon you for assistance in its projects benefiting our servicemen.

After five years of detailed study on plans to give needed assistance to veterans of World War II and the Korean conflict after hospital discharge, with emphasis on job placement, the Veterans Administration and the 41 organizations which make up its Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee selected a plan offered by the Elks National Service Commission and designated the Commission to conduct a Pilot Program in 13 carefully selected hospitals. The progress of this experiment, whose purpose is the establishment of a nation-wide plan as a guide for all other organizations interested in this work, was reported by your representative at a recent VAVS Committee Conference when it was hailed as evidence of outstanding achievement.

One of the most gratifying recognitions of the success of our Pilot Program came from the American Legion when that great organization made a departure from its general policy in extending an invitation to your Service Commission to participate on the speakers' panel at its National Rehabilitation Conference.

When the VA set up a Public Information Committee in its National Advisory group in order to bring to the public a better understanding of the work being done by volunteers of *all* organizations in its hospitals, your National Service Commission's representative was named as Chairman. In that capacity, not long ago, he enjoyed the privilege of delivering his Committee's first, and well-received, report before national representatives of leading veteran, fraternal and service organizations in Washington, D. C.



This is your work, carried on for you by your National Service Commission whose members have pledged themselves to follow the magnificent example set by the various Grand Lodge Committees which were its predecessors, and the founders of your reputation for prompt action—in the interest of our country's defenders.

GREETINGS from PHILADELPHIA

CITY OF



Philadelphia

JOSEPH S. CLARK, JR.
MAYOR

Greetings:

On behalf of the Citizens of Philadelphia, I extend a cordial invitation to the members of your Fraternity to attend the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America convention in Philadelphia July 10-14, 1955.

This Nation's First Convention at which our founding fathers wrote the Declaration of Independence was held in Philadelphia in Independence Hall. Adjacent to the Nation's most historic shrine is the Betsy Ross House, Benjamin Franklin's Grave, Christ Church, Carpenter's Hall and other historic points of great interest to every American family.

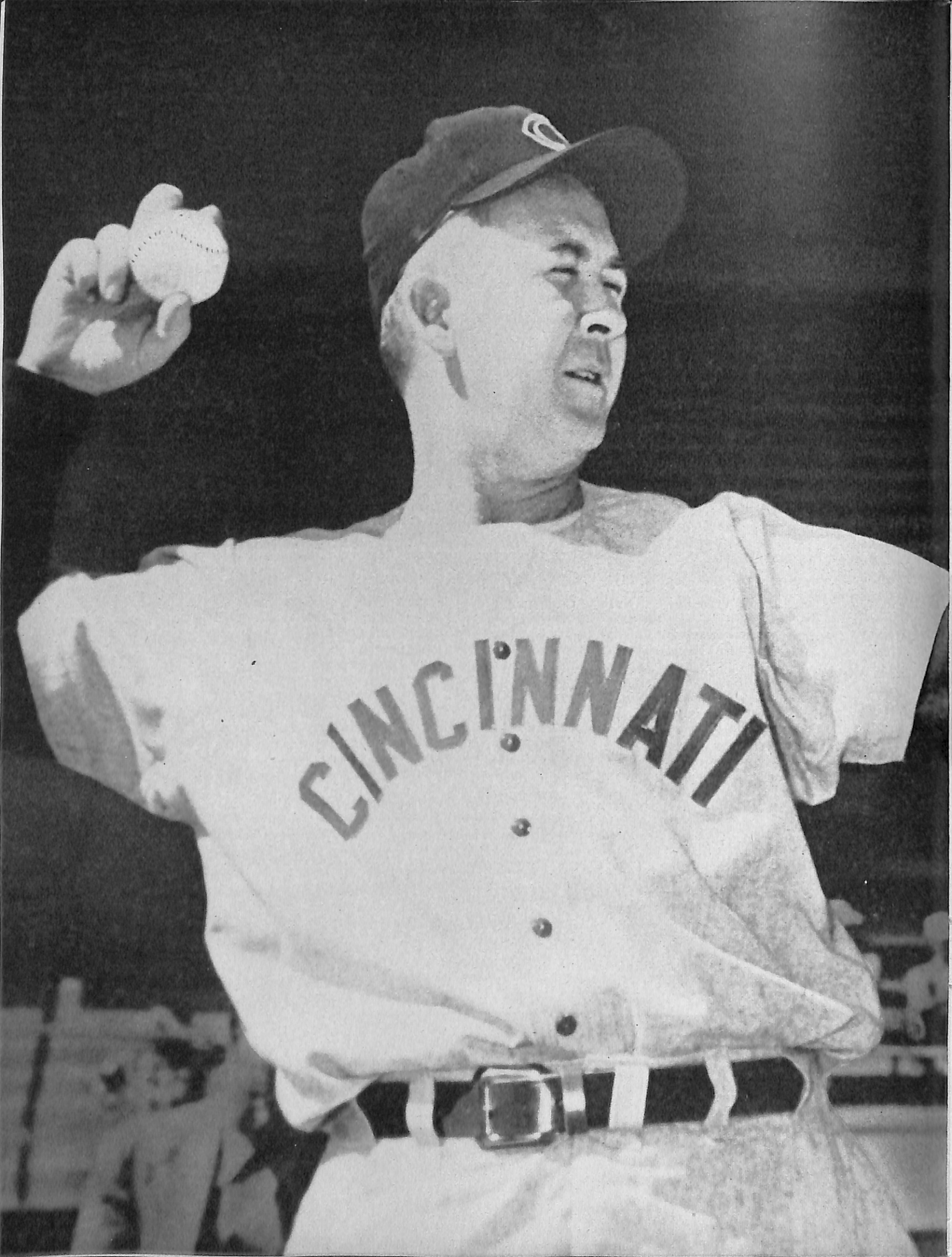
Philadelphia is now America's Second Port, in our Delaware Valley area today is the greatest industrial area in our country. We want you to see first-hand the great renaissance taking place in America's Third City.

You may be sure that the City of Philadelphia and its two and a half million citizens bid you welcome and assure you of a most successful convention.

Sincerely,

Joseph S. Clark Jr.





Cincinnati players like manager Birdie Tebbetts. Baseball-wise, he challenges and inspires them—makes them stretch to hold the pace.

BY TOM SILER

Sportswriter for the Knoxville "News-Sentinel"

BIRDIE TEBBETTS was standing back of the batting cage watching the Cincinnati Redlegs do what they do best—belt the ball. Ted Kluszewski, the 230-pound first baseman, took his stance at the plate.

Nodding toward this hunk of muscles, a reporter asked, "Why did Kloo have such a big year? You have anything to do with it?"

"How could I?" asked Tebbetts, smiling. "I spent 17 years in the American League and hit only 38 home runs. Ted hit 49 last summer."

Only four National Leaguers ever hit more homers in a single season. The big guy also led the league in RBI's with 141. Ted, in a word, blossomed into the league's most-feared power hitter under the warming leadership of the rookie skipper, George Robert Tebbetts, known as Birdie since childhood.

The manager marks all this down to

happy coincidence. Kluszewski looks at it another way. He points to the intangibles that affect every big leaguer.

"This league has a lot of good managers, but Birdie is the very best," asserted Kluszewski, a phlegmatic sort not given to extravagant praise. "That isn't just my opinion. All of us believe in Birdie."

"Why? Well, it's hard to put into words. I think he gives a lot of thought to the right way to treat players. He seems to hit the right note. It's just a lot of little things; then don't forget, Birdie really knows this game. Everyone hustles, yet he doesn't nag us. You know you've got to work and think."

"I don't consider him a driver, either; you just get the idea pretty quick that he expects your best all the time. If he doesn't get it, he'll step on you. That's fair enough, isn't it?"

Big Kloo rates as something of an ex-

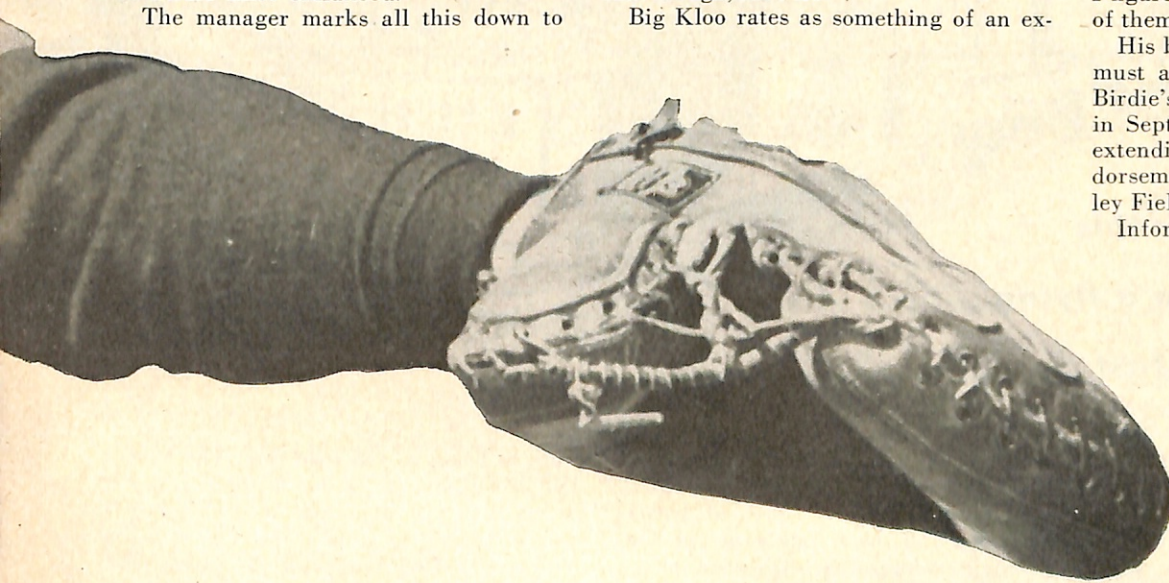
pert on managers. Tebbetts is his fifth in eight years with the Redlegs. None of the other four—Johnny Neun, Bucky Walters, Luke Sewell or Rogers Hornsby—inspired him to superlatives nor to the stardom he had achieved.

Most players like Tebbetts. He challenges them, makes them stretch to hold the pace. Physical fitness, mental alertness and spirit are his managerial keystones. If the hit-and-run, the bunt or the double steal is "on," he will frequently turn to someone in the dugout and ask, "What's the play?" Athletes who doze in the dugout are soon gone. Baseball rivals admit after only one full season that Birdie is rapidly developing into one of the shrewdest managers in the game.

Not one to indulge in false modesty, Birdie says "by the end of this season I figure I'll be as good a manager as any of them."

His boss, General Manager Gabe Paul, must agree. At any rate, Gabe tore up Birdie's old contract which was to expire in September and gave him a new pact extending through 1957, a rousing endorsement of his one campaign at Crosley Field.

Informed of Paul's action, the players
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Tebbetts—

**the
players'
favorite**

for Elks who TRAVEL



**Our travel writer this
month reports on a flying
trip to the Near East**

BY HORACE SUTTON

ILLUSTRATED BY TOM HILL



THERE is very little doubt, in my mind anyway, that the opening of Hilton's new Istanbul hotel on the heights over-

looking the ancient Bosphorus this June will open a new world of tourist traffic to the Middle East. Looking it over even before it is further embellished with carpets, furniture, or Melechrino-smoking guests, as it was my fortune to do the other week, it is perfectly clear that nothing like this has come to these ancient acres since the demise of the sultans.

Unlike the staid character of the Castellana Hilton in Madrid, or the modern-but-unrepresentative air of the

Caribe Hilton in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the project on the hillside in Constantinople summons all the lore of pashas and sheiks and the romance of the Arabian nights which flourished once on the adjoining peninsula. Reflection pools are everywhere. Curved cupola roofs cover the expansive night nightclub with an oriental ambience. It seems inevitable that there will be oriental dancers shimmying within.

At any rate, this immense project coming to a city that has been leaning heavily on one tired hostelry is bound to inspire an awakening all through the Eastern end of the Mediterranean. Anybody with the germ of an idea will have to stop, take a plane for Turkey and see what Hilton hath wrought.

On the opposite end of the U of the eastern Mediterranean, in Egypt, new building is exciting a renaissance in tourism too. Hilton is there too, but so far there are merely plans and a plot, with

work to begin as you read this. The Nile Hilton will emerge as one of three grand hotels that will sit alongside each other on a wonderful location at the edge of the Nile itself. To prepare for the travelers who will surely come, the city of Cairo has built a waterside Corniche, broad and tree shaded where strollers can watch the strange-shaped sails of the feluccas slipping up the river of the pharaohs. An imposing bridge has been festooned with a string of neon tubing that runs along its curving span, just for decoration. Old Shepherds is being rebuilt and with the Semiramis, currently holding the first-class fort, and the aforementioned Hilton extravaganza, Egypt will have a triumvirate that will begin to draw the overflow American tourists from the familiar haunts of Europe.

For the travelers who will come in the future there will be the fabulous antiquities already uncovered, but beyond these there will surely be new finds. Tombs and



Ancient and gracious Istanbul, with its curved cupola roofs that overlook the Bosphorous, is one of the great cities of the world and summons the romance of the Arabian Nights to the visitor.

solar boats, relics of that occult worship thousands of years before Christ, seem to be uncovered periodically. Motoring down the valley of the Nile with a friend some days back and changing over to donkeys at Sakkara we looked at the famed stepped pyramids, and at the underground caves where sacred bulls were buried in massive granite coffins. My friend, an American working in Egypt, surveyed the sandy terrain. "Its full of ruins underground," he said, "I've seen it from the air. Look over there. See that depression? Why from the air it almost calls out and says here you will find a rare city buried underneath." The wonder of Egypt seems destined to go on for long years, indeed it appears really just to have begun its true eminence as a place to visit.

The somewhat temporary and frequently tenuous peace that has come to the Arab-Israeli world has provided just

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FOR MORE FUN...AND LESS TIME AWAY FROM HOME...FLY **NORTHWEST** *Orient* **AIRLINES**



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Here are 32 comfortable rooms, 17 with baths including 3 suites and the rates are only what you'd pay in any public hotel where you *wouldn't* get full club accommodations. Rooms \$2.50 to \$3.50, monthly \$25 to \$45. Limited to Elks only.

Lunch from 11:30 to 1:30. Recreation rooms for cards and billiards. Fine cocktail lounge.

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FLORENCE SAYS "HOWDY"

Florence, Colorado, B. P. O. Elks No. 611 offers traveling Elks and their ladies 21 excellent rooms and comfortable surroundings. No food served but convenient restaurant facilities available. Room rates \$2 per night. Liquors served. You'll find Florence lodge a fine stopping off place where a warm welcome awaits you.

You'll Enjoy Your Stay in **WILLIAMSPORT, PA.**

Williamsport, Pa., Lodge No. 173 welcomes traveling Elks. Our hotel facilities are stag only with clean, livable rooms—20 of them with connecting showers for transient guests. Rates—\$2.50 and \$3.00. Well equipped grill with an excellent cuisine. Dining room for public use.

Yes, you'll enjoy your stay in Williamsport if you stay at the Elks.



There's Comfort in Martinsville, Va.

Here is a lodge, accommodating Elks (rooms for Elks only) that offers real comfort for Elks who travel. Lodge building of home-like beauty—only 1 block from city center with plenty of parking space. Excellent snack rooms and good restaurants close by. Available double rooms—connecting baths—double room with private baths—both with twin beds—single room, double beds, private bath. Modest rates. *Elks always welcome.*

THE GRAND EXALTED RULER'S



Seated at the speakers' table during the celebration of Mt. Kisco, New York, Lodge's 25th Anniversary are, left to right: District Deputy Leo Heithaus, Mrs. James Sullivan, Exalted Ruler James F. Sullivan, Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Jernick, Grand Exalted Ruler's Secretary Matthew J. Coyle and Mrs. Coyle, State Association Vice-President J. G. Collins and Mrs. Collins.

FOLLOWING the visit which Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick made to EL PASO LODGE on January 5th, reported in a previous issue, he and his party proceeded to MIDLAND, TEXAS, LODGE NO. 1826, where they were greeted by District Deputy D.D. Varnell, Vice President Bill Ragsdale, Exalted Ruler George Christy and officers and members of Midland Lodge. There followed a reception and cocktail party at the Lodge and a most enjoyable dinner at the Midland Country Club, recently purchased by the Lodge.

A good delegation from surrounding lodges was present. District Deputy Varnell acted as Toastmaster and the Grand Exalted Ruler's talk was received with

enthusiasm. Later he delivered a fifteen-minute radio talk.

Arriving at BIG SPRING LODGE the morning of January 7th and accompanied by President Dr. Devere Biser and Vice President Ragsdale he was greeted by State Chaplain Reverend William Boyd, Exalted Ruler Joe Clark and officers and members. Here he inspected the beautiful new club rooms and was served lunch by the wives of the members.

The Grand Exalted Ruler and the State President and Vice President next visited at Abilene where he met Brothers William Calloway, F. L. Anderson and Ray Anderson and Dr. W. D. Buchannon who were aiding in organizing a lodge there. Applications had been received from

about 150 for membership in the lodge.

That evening at FORT WORTH the Grand Exalted Ruler was greeted by District Deputy D. Holmes Smith, Past Presidents John Carter and Floyd Ford, State Association Secretary H. S. Rubenstein, Vice President C. C. Barnhart, Exalted Ruler S. O. Ryan and officers and members of the Lodge. Two hundred Elks and their ladies honored Mr. Jernick with a dinner dance at the Green Lakes Country Club. Past President Carter acted as Toastmaster and President Biser, on behalf of Governor Allan Shivers, presented the Grand Exalted Ruler with a certificate proclaiming him "Honorary Citizen of Texas".

In DALLAS Mr. Jernick, accompanied by the President and Secretary of the State Association, District Deputy Smith and Exalted Ruler H. E. Garrett of Grand Prairie Lodge No. 1910, and escorted by motorcycle police, was photographed by television cameramen and film was shown to thousands of watchers three times over two stations. An "On the Spot" radio interview was conducted by KLIF mobile pick up unit. Here Mr. Jernick was greeted by Past Grand Exalted Ruler William Hawley Atwell, Exalted Ruler William Tucker and Past President R. P. Wilkes.

A cocktail party and lunch, participated in by over 300 Elks and their ladies, followed. Exalted Ruler Tucker was Toastmaster, District Deputy Smith presented Past Grand Exalted Ruler Atwell and President Biser introduced Mr. Jernick to a cheering audience. A banquet followed in the evening. Here the Grand Exalted Ruler was introduced by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Atwell.

Sunday, January 8th, the Grand Exalted Ruler visited the Texas Crippled Children's Institution at Ottine where he was greeted by Chairman Ford, the Board of Trustees, District Deputy Jesse E. Posey and Vice President Navratil. That afternoon SAN ANTONIO was visited. He was welcomed to the Alamo City by Chairman Aubrey Kline, Exalted Ruler Clark Perkins, Vice President Tom Brooks, District Deputy Barney Myers, Mayor R. N. White, Sheriff Owen Kilday and a large delegation of Elks.

At Randolph Field Air Base Mr. Jernick was welcomed by Major General Charles H. Born, Commanding General, and was taken on a tour of the Base. He was then guest at a reception at his hotel with the wives of lodge officers and committeemen as hostesses. By Mayor White he was made an Honorary Mayor of San Antonio. There followed a cock-



Photographed at the airport when Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick visited Beaumont, Tex., Lodge, were left to right: Louis Kayatt, Exalted Ruler; D.D. William Traill; Mr. Jernick; Texas Elks State Association Pres. Dr. D. E. Biser, and J.C. Van Deven, Exalted Ruler of Port Arthur Lodge.



Among those present at the luncheon held by Dallas, Tex., Lodge were left to right: E.R. William Tucker, D.D. D. Holmes Smith, P.G.E.R. Wm. H. Atwell, Mr. Jernick, Dr. D. E. Biser and H. E. Garrett, Exalted Ruler of Grand Prairie Lodge.

Visits

tail hour and buffet dinner at the lodge club rooms. Here, beside those already named, Past State President "Smokey" Smeltz, Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committeeman Charles Bowie and visiting officers of neighboring lodges were present. The Grand Exalted Ruler delivered a talk in the lodge room to over 300 members.

The next day the Grand Exalted Ruler attended a luncheon with **BEAUMONT LODGE** and en route was met at **HOUSTON** by District Deputy William S. Traill and Exalted Ruler Pat Klein of Houston, who continued with him to Beaumont where he was greeted by Exalted Ruler Louis Kayatt and Exalted Ruler J. C. Van Devender of Port Arthur Lodge, Beaumont Chairman Dr. Jerry Brassard and a large delegation from both lodges. The Grand Exalted Ruler was welcomed to the City by Mayor Elmo Beard, who had proclaimed the day as William J. Jernick Day. Mr. Jernick's address was broadcast by the Beaumont radio station.

At Houston Mr. Jernick was greeted by Past President and Grand Lodge Credentials Committeeman Carl Mann, Past President and Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight M. A. DeBettencourt and the officers and members of Houston Lodge. A reception and dinner followed after which Exalted Ruler Klein presided at a meeting in the lodge room.

GRAND EXALTED RULER William J. Jernick was the principal speaker at the annual banquet of **POTTSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, LODGE NO. 814** on Wednesday night, February 16th. Exalted Ruler Michael A. Groth was in charge of the affair with P.E.R. George A. Lessig acting as toastmaster. Among the more than 425 persons in attendance were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow and State Association President Ruel H. Smith.

Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick hailed the 87th Anniversary of the founding of the Order at a banquet of **NEW YORK LODGE NO. 1** on February 19. Other speakers were Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Mayor Robert F. Wagner, a Past Exalted Ruler of New York Lodge, and E.R. Anthony Conti. Judge Arthur Markewich, Esteemed Leading Knight, presented Judge Hallinan a \$500 check to help carry on the National Service Commission's program for hospitalized veterans. P.E.R. Vincent Tese was Chairman of the affair, and P.E.R. Charles J. Garrison presided.

The following evening, accompanied by Mrs. Jernick and Past Grand Exalted

Seen here at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, Lodge, are, left to right: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow, P.E.R. George A. Lessig, Mr. Jernick, State Association President Ruel H. Smith, and Exalted Ruler Michael A. Groth.

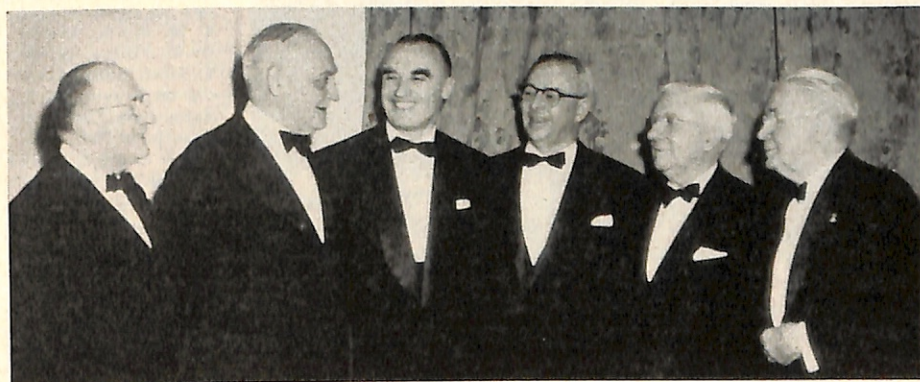


Rulers John F. Malley and E. Mark Sullivan, Mr. Jernick attended a dinner and reception in his honor given by **WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND, LODGE NO. 678**. Exalted Ruler Vincent J. Toscano presided with John W. Moakler, a Past Exalted Ruler of Providence Lodge, acting as toastmaster. The function was attended by more than 300 local and out-of-State Elks including State Association President Fred Quattromani, District Deputy Paul F. Murray, Past District Deputies Alfred H. Chapman, Leo B. Carey, Dave Fitzgerald, James Duffy, Jr., Anthony F. Lawrence, Richard J. Butler and Richard A. Moran. Also present were Past Grand Trustee Edward A. Spry and Connecticut State Association President Thomas F. Winters. The Exalted Rulers of all Rhode Island lodges also attended.

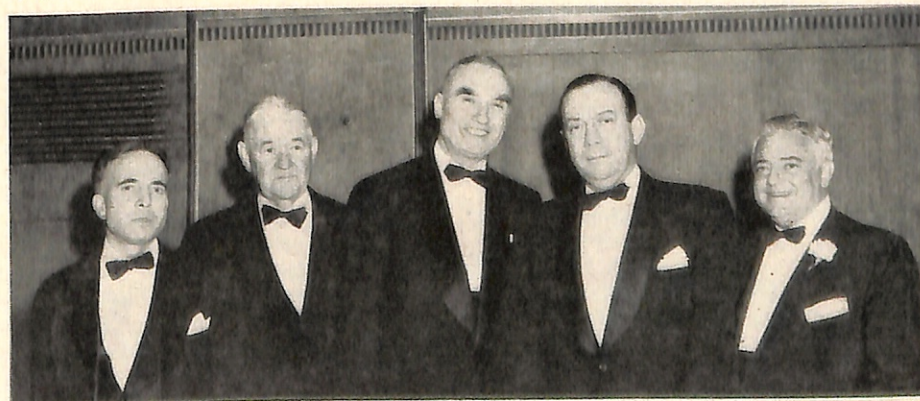
On Monday evening, February 21st,

Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick was in Boston to attend the 45th Anniversary Celebration of the Massachusetts Elks Association, which was held at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel. Chairman of the Committee planning this memorable occasion attended by more than 1,000 Elks was Past Grand Trustee Edward A. Spry, of Boston Lodge. Present at the banquet at which Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson was Toastmaster were, in addition to Brother Spry and Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick, Past Grand Exalted Rulers John F. Malley and E. Mark Sullivan; Andrew A. Biggio, President of the Massachusetts Elks Association; John B. Hynes, Mayor of Boston and member of Boston Lodge No. 10; Judge John E. Fenton, member of the Committee on Judiciary; Brian M. Jew-

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Seen here at the Testimonial dinner given in Boston by the Massachusetts Elks Association in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler, left to right: State Association President Andrew A. Biggio, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson, Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick, Edward A. Spry, Past Grand Trustee, and Past Grand Exalted Rulers John F. Malley and E. Mark Sullivan.



Pictured at the speakers' table at the 87th anniversary banquet of New York Lodge No. 1 are, left to right: Past Exalted Ruler Vincent S. Tese, Chairman of the Banquet Committee, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick, Mayor Robert F. Wagner, a Past Exalted Ruler of New York Lodge, No. 1, and Exalted Ruler Anthony Conti.



Mr. Jernick is welcomed to the Golden Jubilee celebration of Quincy, Massachusetts, Lodge by E.R. George C. Fay. Looking on, left to right are: Mrs. Jernick, Mrs. Malley, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Golden Jubilee Chairman Joseph E. Brett.



Pictured during ceremonies marking the laying of the cornerstone of the new home of Bend, Oregon, Lodge are, left to right: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan, Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick, Past Exalted Ruler William L. Stollmack, and Exalted Ruler Kenneth C. Cale.



Among those welcoming Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick to San Antonio were left to right: Mayor R. N. White, Sheriff Owen Kilday, Dr. D. E. Biser, State Association Secretary H. S. Rubenstein, Past State Association Pres. John Carter and E.R. Clark Perkins.



Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert S. Barrett and E.R. Charles G. Pritchett are seen here viewing the portraits of all the Past Exalted Rulers of Easton, Maryland, Lodge which were unveiled during Mr. Jernick's visit to Easton.



Seen shortly after the Grand Exalted Ruler's arrival at Bradford, Pennsylvania, left to right: E.R. Bernard J. Beezer, Mayor Joseph L. Hinaman, Mr. Jernick, D.D. William W. Milks, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Davis and State Assoc. Pres. Ruel H. Smith.

cluded a regular lodge meeting was held.

On Tuesday, March 1st, the Grand Exalted Ruler was honored at a banquet given by NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, LODGE NO. 72 and attended by more than 400 persons. He was introduced by Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee Chairman Edward W. McCabe. Among the many prominent Elks and civic dignitaries present were State Association President Maurice Conn, District Deputy Earl F. Broden, Supreme Court Justice A. B. Neill, County Judge Beverly Briley, Mayor Ben West who presented Mr. Jernick with the key to the city and House Speaker James Bomar who, on behalf of Governor Frank Clement, made Mr. Jernick an honorary Colonel of the Governor's staff. Also in attendance were delegations from Bristol, Chattanooga, Morristown, Kingsport, Gatlinburg, Columbia, Pulaski, Jackson, Paris and Memphis Lodges. Exalted Ruler Julius E. Curley presided.

Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick, accompanied by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, arrived at the Atlanta Airport from HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA, LODGE NO. 1738, Thursday afternoon March 3, 1955. The Grand Exalted Ruler was met at the airport by Exalted Ruler Eugene G. Webb, Leading Knight M. Tom Bryan, Secretary Tom M. Brisendine, Esquire O. L. Purdue, Guy Tyler, Past Exalted Ruler of ATLANTA, GEORGIA, LODGE NO. 78 and Past Grand Chaplain Reverend Father James King of ATHENS LODGE NO. 790. The Grand Exalted Ruler was escorted to a suite at the Biltmore Hotel where he was greeted by a number of Elks from Atlanta and neighboring

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ett, member of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee; John E. Mullen, Justice of the Superior Court of Rhode Island and former Chief Justice of the Grand Forum, and Thomas F. Coppinger, Secretary of the Massachusetts Elks Association. The Invocation at the banquet was given by Joseph W. Bergin, Chaplain of the Massachusetts Elks Association, and Burton M. Stevens, Exalted Ruler of Fitchburg Lodge, gave the Eleven O'Clock Toast. At the banquet a presentation of the State Association Trophy for Ritualistic Excellence was made to Fitchburg Lodge No. 847, with Burton M. Stevens accepting the award on behalf of his lodge.

ON FEBRUARY 22nd Mr. and Mrs. Jernick, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Malley, arrived in Quincy, Massachusetts, to participate in the celebration of the Golden Anniversary of QUINCY LODGE NO. 943. They were greeted at the city limits by officers and members of the lodge, headed by Exalted Ruler George

C. Fay; the party was then led into the city by a police escort. There followed a luncheon at which Mayor Amelio Della Chiesa was host. A meeting was held in the afternoon at which a class of 92 candidates was initiated. Among the prominent guests at the banquet that evening were State Association President Andrew A. Biggio, District Deputy William H. Brennan and Congressman Richard B. Wiggelsworth.

On February 23rd, the Grand Exalted Ruler visited HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY, LODGE NO. 658. Festivities for the evening began with a dinner designated to honor both the Grand Exalted Ruler and the Old Timers of Hackensack Lodge. Mr. Jernick was accompanied by his sons, Dr. Robert H. Jernick and William J. Jernick Jr., both of whom are Elks. Other notables at the speaker's table were Mr. Jernick's secretary Matthew J. Coyle, District Deputy Dr. Leo B. Bicher Jr., Exalted Ruler Edwin J. Nelson and P.E.R. Russell L. Binder who acted as Toastmaster. After the dinner was con-



Dr. Marcus Nadler

Dr. Nadler is Professor of Finance at New York University. This article is a follow-up of his forecasts for business conditions in 1955 which ran in our January issue.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK

IN THE JANUARY ISSUE of The Elks Magazine, the author, analyzing the outlook for 1955, made the following statement: "What about the outlook? The year 1955, on the whole, will be a good year. Business activity during the last quarter of 1954 was at a higher level during the first nine months of the year and was accompanied by a moderate increase in employment. The momentum of recovery in business activity in all probability will continue."

Business activity during the last quarter of 1954 increased appreciably. The index of physical volume of industrial production compiled by the Federal Reserve Board stood at 128 for the last quarter of the year (1947-49 = 100) as compared with 124 during the second and third quarters of 1954. The improvement continued during the first quarter of 1955. The index of industrial activity stood at 131 in January, 133 in February, and in all likelihood the figure for March will be as high, if not higher, than in February, although figures were not available at the time of writing. Employment also has witnessed a slight increase.

BUSINESS IN THE SECOND QUARTER

Business activity in the second quarter of 1955 should be at a high level, substantially above that of the second quarter of 1954, although, of course, this analysis is written on the assumption that there will be no hot war. The principal reasons for this outlook, briefly, are:

1—Home construction is continuing at a brisk pace and construction activity in general is substantially above that of a year ago. The number of dwelling units started in January and February, 1955,

aggregated about 88,000 and 90,000, respectively, as compared with 66,400 and 75,200 during the same period a year ago. Mortgages for the new homes have already been arranged. Total new construction expenditures for the first two months of 1955 aggregated over \$5.4 billion as compared with \$4.8 billion during the same period a year ago, or an increase of 13 per cent. Thus, home construction and building in general are bound to be vigorous in the second quarter of the year, generating increased purchasing power and favorably influencing overall business activity.

2—The automobile industry also is very active. During the first three months of 1955 the output of cars exceeded considerably the production during the same period a year ago. It may be taken for granted that the automobile industry will continue to be busy during the next three months unless, of course, interruptions should occur because of labor difficulties.

3—The spring season usually witnesses a substantial increase in outdoor activity—farming, building, etc. This leads to an increase in the demand for labor, expands purchasing power and stimulates business activity. The present year is not likely to prove an exception.

4—During the second quarter of 1955 business inventories are also likely to increase. This is in contrast to the conditions which prevailed a year ago, when inventories were reduced. When inventories are mounting, it means that production is greater than consumption. To some extent the rise in inventories is based on larger demand; to some extent on the desire to have a better-adjusted inventory position. But partly it also re-

flects the fear of labor difficulties and increased wages and hence prices.

The underlying economic forces in the country are strong, indicating continued improvement in business activity during the next quarter. Yet one cannot overlook the fact that certain weaknesses have crept into the economy which, if not checked, could lead to difficulties later on. It is doubtful that these difficulties will arise during the second quarter. They are more likely to make their appearance during the summer months or later on.

FACTORS OF WEAKNESS

The weaknesses which may have an impact on business activity in the third or fourth quarters of 1955 are:

1—The automobile industry: The output of automobiles during the first two months of the year was at an annual rate of about 8,000,000 cars. It is highly doubtful that this number can be sold during the present year. If labor difficulties should develop later on, this in itself would materially reduce the output of cars. In the absence of labor strife, however, a decline in automobile production in the third or fourth quarters of the year may be expected. The automobile industry has a great impact on a number of allied industries and a decline in the output of passenger cars would obviously have an adverse effect on other industries and hence on business activity in general.

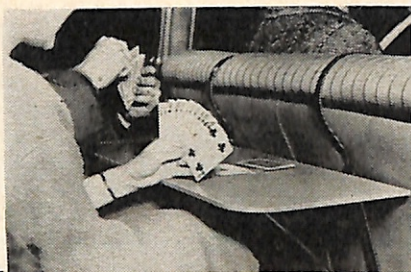
2—Consumer loans have increased in the last few months and a further rise is to be expected in the second quarter. Sooner or later many families may reach a point where their debt may become too burdensome. In that case they may curtail all purchases except necessities. Such a development could have an adverse effect on business activity later on.

3—Judging by the home starts in January and February and those projected for the entire year, and making allowance for seasonal variations, the total number of home starts in 1955 may exceed 1,400,000. The number of family formations is not expected to exceed 650,000. Hence, it is evident that if the home building boom continues at the present rate, vacancies may soon occur in many localities, in which case home construction would be bound to decline.

4—The equity market: It is impossible to state with any degree of accuracy what the stock market will do or whether equities are too high or too low. The fact remains, that many people who know very little about equities have entered the market. When the equity market is rising, it exercises a favorable influence on business sentiment, on consumption expenditures, and on capital expenditures by corporations for plant and equipment. A decline in the equity market has the opposite effect. It leads to pessimism and a decline in expenditures.

Since under present conditions the equity market may exercise a marked

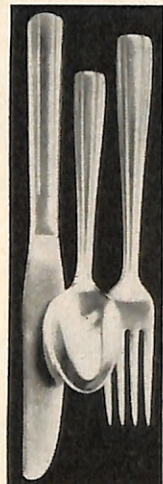
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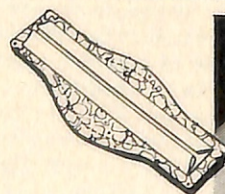


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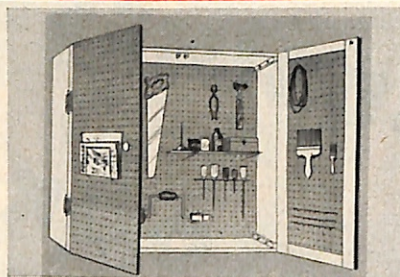
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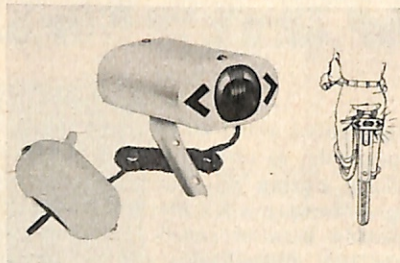


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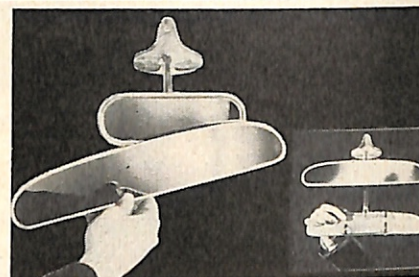
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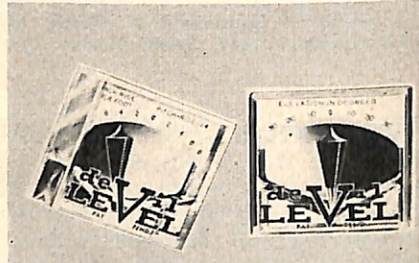
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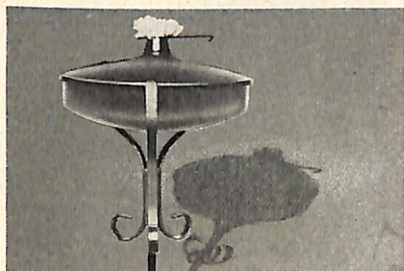


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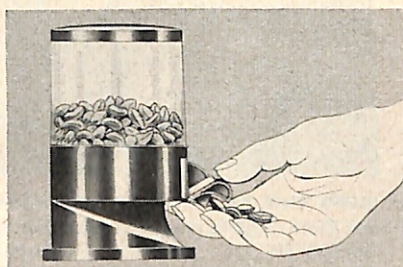
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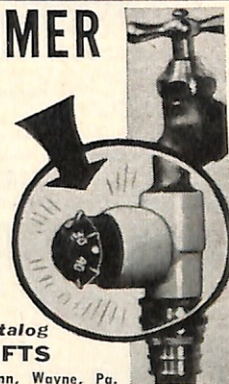
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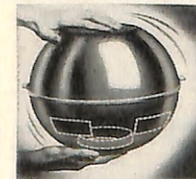
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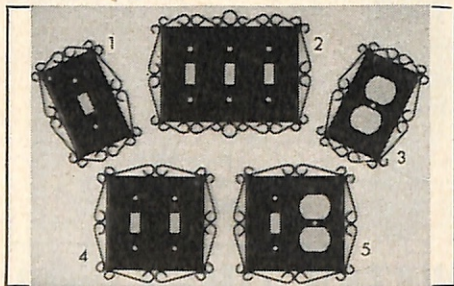
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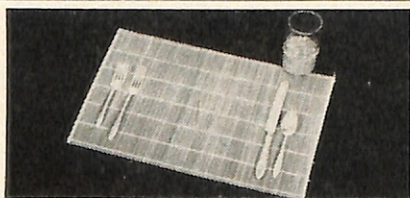


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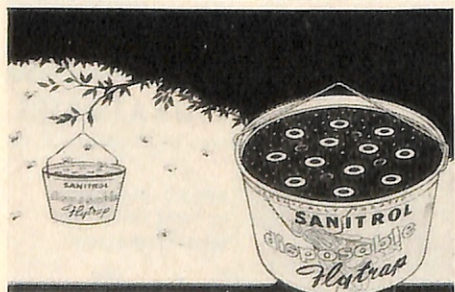
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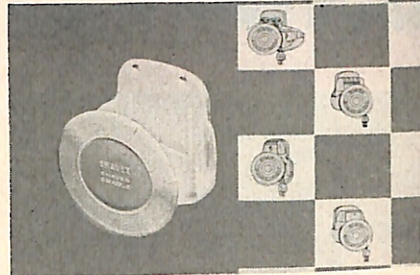
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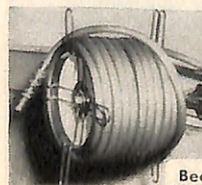
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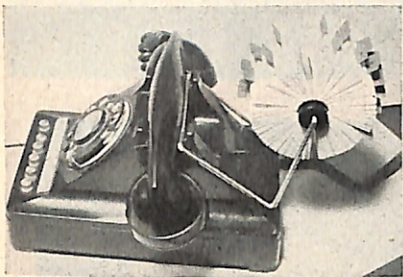


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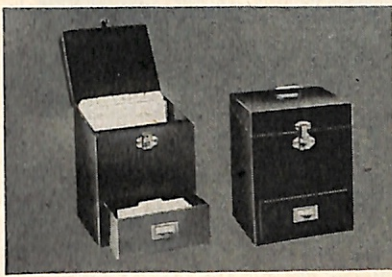
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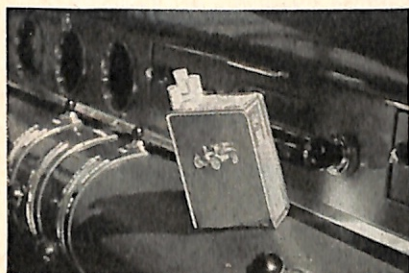
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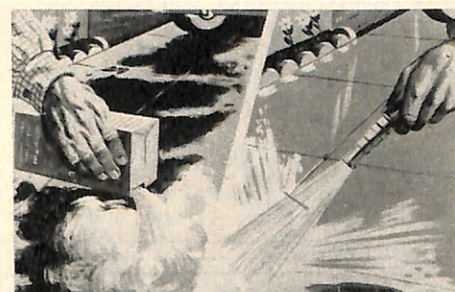
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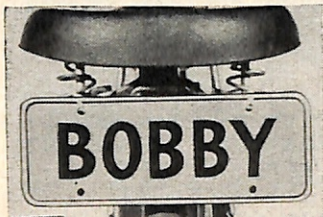
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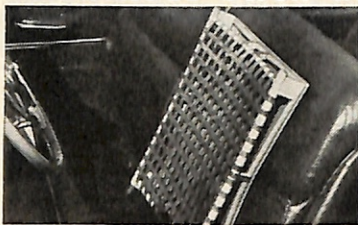
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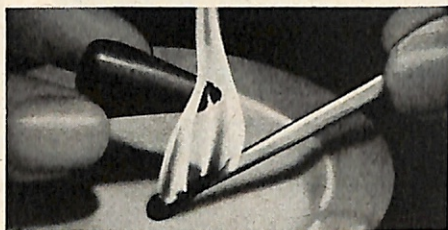


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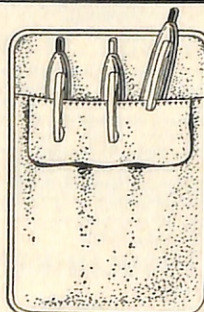


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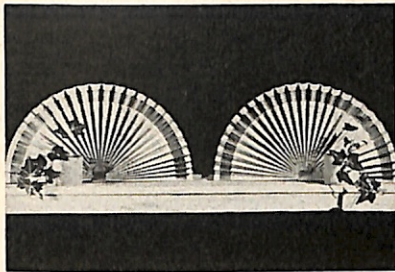
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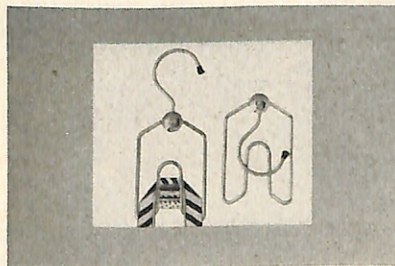
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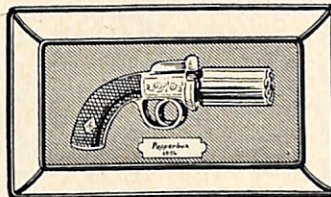
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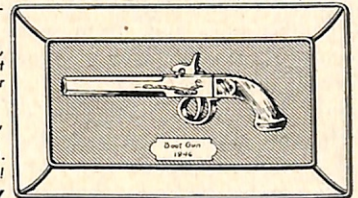
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Smelts are half-pints—but they sure create a stir.



THIS IS the smelting season, a little-known fact which will leave some people cold, others both wet and cold, and not a few with a slight case of pneumonia. This form of smelting has nothing to do

with the blast furnaces of Pittsburgh and Youngstown, but from outward appearances it would seem to be about as important a business to those involved. Smelting, however, is classified as a sport, an invigorating and sometimes strenuous one, and, from what I have seen of it, possibly even a dangerous one. Anyone seriously engaged in it will certainly lose sleep, likely his dignity as well, and maybe even more than that—say a tooth or two. Smelters are inclined to be carried away by their enthusiasm.

The object which generates all this activity is a very small fish. In robust health and soaking wet he weighs only an ounce or two. This is *Osmerus mordax*, sometimes commonly referred to as a smelt. Among other things, the smelt is anadromous, to a degree at least, which is of enormous importance to smelters because if he weren't anadromous there wouldn't be any smelters, and the fish like the idea too. The smelt probably got anadromous trying to make like a salmon, to which he claims some kind of distant kinship. In other words, like the anadromous salmon, he leaves his year-around home in the ocean and enters the estuaries of rivers when it comes time to spawn.

The smelt is a highly-prized food fish, which is a distinction but not a very enviable one. Another of the smelt's claims to fame is that he is also called candlefish because he is so rich in oil that, when dried and a wick inserted in him, he will burn like a candle, which also is a rather desperate way to catch the public eye.

From his natural home in the ocean, where he reaches the tackle-busting size of eight or nine inches, the smelt was transplanted years ago to the Great Lakes where he soon became an important part of the inland fisheries, and since then has been introduced into numerous smaller fresh-water lakes, sometimes with the idea of producing man's food, but more often to serve as an item of diet for larger fish. In some of the Maine lakes, for instance, the smelt eat tiny crustaceans,

the landlocked salmon eat the smelt, and fishermen eat the landlocks. The smelt is something that gets into a man, one way or the other.

In these small lakes, the smelt is even more insignificant than in the sea, hitting the tape measure at only five or six inches, but he still thinks he is a salmon. On spring nights in late April or May when anadromously inclined—and the moon isn't necessary as an inducement—the smelt runs in swarms up the inlet streams and spawns. It is in these streams in the dark of night the smelters work on smelt—and occasionally on each other.

MY PERSONAL experience as a smelter is limited to one expedition. Late in April a year ago when several of us started out full of high purposes for Lake Bomoseen in Vermont, it was an otherwise serene and peaceful night, one of those first truly warm ones of the season, long-awaited in New England, when the soft spring air sets the buds to popping and the peepers to peeping, the kind of night that fills a person's cup to overflowing with love for his fellow man—under normal conditions, that is. Smelting is not a normal condition.

About half way to our destination we stopped at a small-town general store for

gas, but couldn't find anyone to man the tank. Finally we located an old fellow out back, and one of the gang asked: "Where's the boss tonight?"

"Gone smelting to Bomoseen."

"Then where's Ike?"

"Smelting."

"And Ned?"

"Smelting."

"There aren't any lights over at Mark's place. I suppose he's gone. . . ."

"Yep, smelting."

When we were within a mile or two of the lake, I began to get the picture. We got into traffic such as seldom bothers a New Englander. Lake Bomoseen is not a very large lake—narrow and only seven miles long—and is usually a quiet spot, but with the word out that the smelt run had commenced, there were cars and trucks jammed into every conceivable place anything could be parked. One enterprising soul had opened a hot-dog stand and was doing a thriving business. Where we finally found a spot to leave our car, there were at least three hundred other cars squeezed into a small field. Swarms of people carrying nets and flashlights and wearing boots were milling around everywhere laughing and talking. It looked as though the carnival had come to town.

One fellow in our crowd had been smelting here before and he led the way

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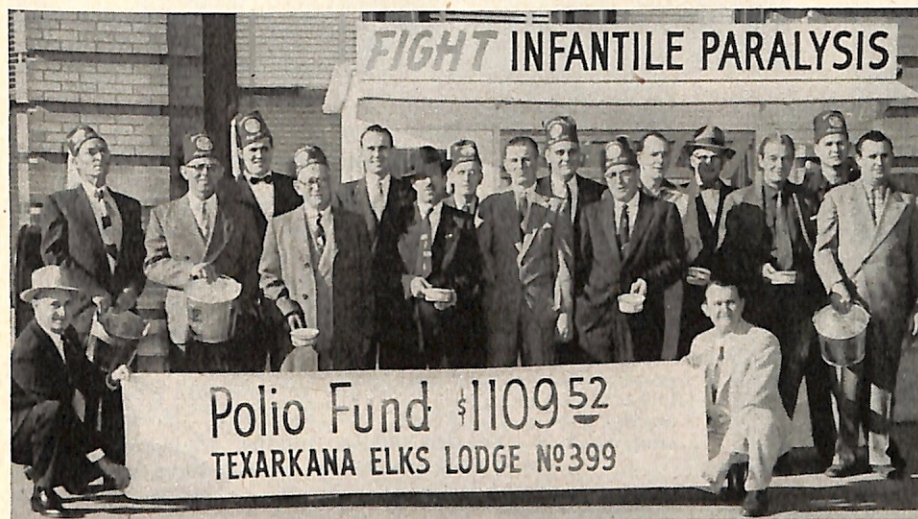


The best we could do was to peer over shoulders to see what was going on.

NEWS of the LODGES



These veteran Elks were honored at Appleton, Wis., Lodge's annual Old Timers Night program.



Texarkana, Ark., Elksdom is understandably proud of its efforts in behalf of the March of Dimes. Here are members of the lodge who raised \$1,109.52 for the polio fund in one day. Holding the banner at left is E.R. Richard H. Helms.



Above: Elks from all over Illinois gathered at Champaign Lodge for the annual State Elks Three-Cushion Billiard Tournament. Here are some of the entrants, including Don Tozer of Decatur, standing sixth from left, who captured the State Billiard Title during this competition.

Right: At the speakers' table during Clinton, Ia., Lodge's first annual dinner honoring the local high school's State Championship Swimming Team, attended by 150 persons are, left to right, seated: Judge M. L. Sutton, P.E.R., Toastmaster; Dave Armbruster, State Univ. Swimming Coach, principal speaker; Judge W. A. McCullough, and E.R. John Camp. Standing are Clinton High School's Athletic Director Max Lynn and its Swimming Coach Howard Judd.



An Elks Lodge for Liberal, Kans.

Efforts of D.D. Charles L. Gray in forming a lodge at Liberal were climaxed recently with the institution of Liberal Lodge No. 1947 at which officers and P.E.R.'s of Garden City Elksdom presided.

Success of this new branch of the Order seems assured with the initiation of 178 Charter Members who elected Carlos Wood as their first Exalted Ruler.

Many dignitaries of the Order witnessed the impressive ceremonies along with D.D. Gray. They included Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James, State Assn. Pres. Raymond M. Green and P.D.D.'s Glenn Edwards, C. E. Klein and J. O. Kuhn. Mr. Klein and Mr. Kuhn are both former Presidents of the Kansas State Elks Association.

Prominent Louisville, Ky., Elk Mourned

Louisville Lodge No. 8 reports with a deep sense of loss the passing of J. S. Breitenstein who had been the lodge's E.R. in 1940, 17 years after his initiation.

An active participant in almost all of his lodge's fine projects, Mr. Breitenstein was also prominent in many Elk activities throughout the State. He served the Western area as District Deputy in 1941, was President of the Ky. Elks Assn. in 1944 and of the Elks National Bowling Assn. in 1953. During his devoted affiliation with the Order, he had also served No. 8 as a member of its Board of Trustees, as Treasurer and as Chairman of its House Committee.



P.E.R. Carlisle Carver, left, Editor of Lansing, Mich., Lodge's monthly bulletin, receives a plaque for "unstinting service" to his lodge from E.R. William A. Remus, when a class was initiated in Mr. Carver's honor.



Left: Iola, Kans., Lodge's P.E.R.'s pictured with the candidates they initiated and E.R. B. P. Heigle, Jr., seated left, wearing a beard in observance of the County Centennial.

Below: Only one of the 21 former leaders of Bismarck, N. D., Lodge's 25 P.E.R.'s now residing there was unable to attend its P.E.R.'s reception and dinner when the group elected E. B. Klein Pres., and E. O. Bailey Secy.-Treas. Each received a gavel inscribed with his name and year as E.R.



Left: Joliet, Ill., Elksdom's unique observance of the Order's 87th Anniversary coincided with the first birthday of John Robert Hock, whose father and grandfather are Elks. The young man is pictured as he formally accepted his application for membership in 1975 from E.R. Jack Kane.

Clinton, Iowa, Elks Honor Swimmers

The members of Iowa's Championship Swimming Team, aquatic stars of Clinton High School, were guests of Clinton Lodge No. 199 at a city-wide banquet recently. In addition to its title, this group boasts a member who holds five national prep records—Gary Morris.

About 150 persons paid tribute to the squad and its coach, Howard Judd. Toastmaster at the affair was P.E.R. Merritt L. Sutton, with Dave Armbruster, famous swimming coach at State University, as principal speaker.

The very active Youth Activities Committee of this lodge, under the Chairmanship of E. A. Streit, handled the arrangements for this dinner, which was so successful that plans have been made to repeat it annually.

Right: Tulsa Lodge's Ritualistic Team won the Okla. N.E. Dist. Contest and first possession of the Jim Meeks Roving Trophy. Left to right: Gene Estep, Inner Guard; Lorin Hedrick, Est. Lect. Knight; L. W. Ferguson, Est. Loyal Knight; J. A. Henry, E.R.; Carl Briton, Esq.; Ernest Bussart, Est. Lead. Knight; and R. F. Davenport, Chaplain.



Chairman Fred L. Bohn of the Board of Grand Trustees is an Honorary Life Member of Zanesville, Ohio, Lodge which he joined in 1925. On the Order's Anniversary, his fellow members initiated 30 men in his honor to represent each year of his affiliation. He is pictured, fifth from left foreground, with E.R. J. O. Mattingly on his right. Other officers and part of the class.

A GRAND LODGE BULLETIN

The Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge reminds you that every lodge is expected to observe Mother's Day, May 8th, in some special way.

This Committee also suggests that you prepare NOW to observe Flag Day, June 14th, and to participate in our "Show Your Colors" Campaign, inaugurated so successfully last year.

Awards for the most outstanding events will be presented to three lodges in each of three membership groups, and entries on both occasions are to be judged by Committeeman Walter R. Gage, 1840 Anderson Ave., Manhattan, Kans.

Mr. Gage must have your Mother's Day report NOT LATER THAN JUNE 1st.

Your Flag Day material must be in his hands BY JULY 1st.

REMEMBER! Your Youth Day report must reach Brian M. Jewett of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, Woolwich, Maine, BY MAY 15th AT THE LATEST.



This is Devils Lake, N. D., Lodge's State Championship PeeWee Hockey Team which, accompanied by Elk William Jerome, recently represented the State in Boston in the National Tournament.



These former leaders of Paducah, Ky., Lodge were honored on P.E.R.'s Night, when the Dean of this group, Roy M. Prather, seated third from left, acted as E.R. All but two have been Elks over 25 years.



Above: Mattoon won the Ill. S.E. Dist. Ritualistic Title at Robinson with all 13 lodges competing. Left to right: D.D. C. A. Hill, Carbondale E.R. Frank Crispin, Richard Burton, State Treas. Gene Schnierle, Harry Harder, Dist. Chairman Rex Adams, State Chairman O. C. Macy, Dist. Vice-Pres. J. R. Mitchell, Vern Joyner and A. W. Spratt.

Right: University Hospital polio patients Janet Spencer, Marietta Beuter and Cecil Organ appeared at Iowa City, Ia., Lodge to aid the March of Dimes. Over \$300 was raised at the event, held each P.E.R.'s Night. Standing, left to right: Dr. W. D. Paul, Therapist Terry B. Jones, Nurse Elizabeth Cook, and P.E.R.'s B. M. Ricketts and W. R. Hart.



The Dowagiac, Mich., Band Parents Club drive to raise funds to send the local high school musicians to the Orange Bowl reached a quick and happy conclusion when members of the local Elks lodge presented to them a \$1,200 check, the largest single contribution in the seven-month campaign. Left to right: Elk Fund-Raising Committee Chairman Karl Koehn, Band Director Dexter Clough, Band Parents Finance Committee Chairman Richard Judd, E.R. Joseph R. Mallow, Elk Committee Co-Chairman Harold Amersdorfer, and Parents Club Pres. Don Potter.



At Galveston, Tex., Lodge's annual Western Calf Scramble Dance for the benefit of FFA and 4-H Club high school boys, two of whom are pictured here, are, left to right: L. C. Luppens, O. C. Umbehagen, E. G. Doherty, 16-year-old Melvin Johnson, Chairman Jack Stump, 15-year-old Donald Kinney, Geno Balducci, Sam Scrafone, Frank Giusti and Louis Menotti. Funds from the dance buy beef calves which the Elks give the young men to feed and raise. Later the boys sell the animals at auction, the proceeds helping to defray the youngsters' college education.



Fort Worth, Tex., Elksdom paid singular tribute to State Pres. Dr. D. E. Biser when E.R. S. O. Ryan and his officers, second row center, initiated in his honor a class of 100, 88 of whom appear here.



Standing at right with his fellow officers is E.R. A. H. Wahl and, seated, the class of 14 candidates they initiated into Mitchell, S. D., Lodge as a tribute to Fred Green, Pres. of the South Dakota Elks Association.



In the presence of other officials, Committee Chairman J. W. Cassady, right foreground, presents Hopkinsville, Ky., Lodge's \$500 check to County Tuberculosis Hospital Trustees Chairman Wallace Henderson.

Great Bend, Kans., Elksdom Has Fine New Home

As principal speaker at the dedication of the magnificent new headquarters of Great Bend Lodge No. 1127, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner praised the edifice as affording finer accommodations than many in larger cities.

Nearly 1,000 persons converged on the Kansas community for this event, and the very fruitful D.D. Clinic conducted by Chas. L. Gray the following day.

E.R. J. W. Francis extended a cordial welcome to the local and visiting Elks and their guests who enjoyed a floor show and dancing after the ceremony during which P.E.R. H. P. Thies, a Trustee of the lodge, delivered its interesting history. Assisting P.D.D. Roscoe Moore who conducted the Ritual were Grand Lodge Committeemen Walter Reed Gage and C. E. Klein, former Grand Lodge Committeeman Fred H. Kelly, and Tom Lowman, Ivan F. Hooper and J. O. Kuhn, all former District Deputies.

As part of the program, a cigar was auctioned off for \$220, recalling a similar sale in 1908 when the lodge was instituted. That stogie, which brought No. 1127 \$56 and started its first building fund, is a sentimental keepsake of the Great Bend Elks.



Since its founding, our Order has given cooperation to the Armed Forces. Now the Armed Forces are helping the Elks. The famous 60-piece 89th Army Band is one of the first to record "The Elks March Triumphant", composed by San Antonio Elk D. M. Edwards who is giving all proceeds of its sale to the Texas Elks Crippled Children's Hospital. As guest of Major Gen. E. T. Williams, Mr. Edwards saw this photograph taken at Ft. Sill, Okla., as the Band played his composition, arranged and directed by Corp. Robert Gauldin. Five other Army Bands will make similar recordings.



South Bend, Ind., Lodge observed the 52nd birthday of State Assn. Pres. Cecil Rappe by welcoming 52 new members in his honor. Mr. Rappe is pictured, tenth from left foreground, with the Mayor, Elk Jack Scott, on his right, the candidates and E.R. Ronald D. Flack and his officers.

Below: For a number of years it has been the custom of the North Little Rock, Ark., Elks to donate in dollars to the March of Dimes a sum equal to their lodge number—1004. This year their donations ran well over that amount, and Secy. Joe Loebner, center, was able to present to Grayson Dickson, left, Treas. for the city's drive, a \$1,369.39 check. Looking on approvingly is E.R. Victor H. Wilder.



Above: Pratt, Kans., Lodge's Youth Activities Committee sponsors a Drivers Education Safety Program, with three prizes and two Honorable Mention awards for top students in a course given by Lee Sheppard, local high school instructor. At a recent school assembly when the awards were made were, foreground: Gaylon Gillam, third prize; Ross Moon, Honorable Mention; Committee Chairman Robert Rexroat; Betty Owens, second prize; Sue France, Honorable Mention, and Elk Secy. F. E. Link. Background: Police Chief Ira Frantz; Martin Lewis and Glenn Clopton of the State Highway Patrol; E.R. Harold Kinzer and Instructor Sheppard. Absent was first-prize winner Doug Walker.

ANOTHER PAGE FOR YOUR

ELK FAMILY ALBUM



Virginia City, Mont., Lodge has more members than there are townspeople, five of whom are A. L. Martin, seated, and four of his six Elk Sons. They are, left to right: James A., Lee R. and P.E.R. John R. Martin of Virginia City Lodge; Archie Martin of Bozeman; Wm. D. of Anaconda and Charles E. of Virginia City.



When D.D. Robert J. Skanes visited West Palm Beach, Fla., Lodge a class was initiated in his honor, including the four sons of August Oenbrink, Sr., and the son of P.E.R. E. B. Donnell. Seated, left to right: Raymond, August, Jr., August, Sr., Stanley and Jerome Oenbrink; standing: P.E.R. Donnell, his son Ballard, Mr. Skanes and E.R. A. I. Tedder.



Dover, N. H., Lodge's E.R. George Kageleiry, fifth from left, with his Elk father and brothers, when the youngest was initiated. Left to right are James, Nicholas, Harry, their father Charles, George and Zach. Charles Kageleiry is a 12-year Elk. George has been a member six years, and his three other brothers are five-year affiliates.



In this photograph are P.E.R. Virgil E. Neyman of Wrangell, Alaska, Lodge, second from left, and his servicemen sons Marion, left, and Martin, with E.R. R. McKibben, right, who turned his gavel over to Mr. Neyman so that he could initiate the young men while they were home on furlough.



P.E.R. George L. Sullivan, Sr., presents an American Flag to his son, George, Jr., who was initiated into Fort Pierce, Fla., Lodge by his father, acting as Exalted Ruler in the absence of Joseph E. Tierney. Looking on at left are Secy. C. M. Hunt, P.E.R., and Tiler Kingsley Butt.



Plattsburg, N. Y., Lodge officers and four of the candidates they initiated in a recent Father and Son Class. Seated, center, is E.R. Frank Noone, with his new-Elk sons Jack, on his right, and Bob, on his left, and candidates Wesley Pelkey, Jr., second from left, and Paul Sharron, second from right. P.D.D. Benjamin F. Feinberg, Chairman of the State Public Service Commission, was the principal speaker.



D.D. Floyd E. Tumbleson, left, congratulates Ernest L. Scales who, with his sons Stanley E., Leonard W. and Donald L., standing behind him, left to right, were initiated into Paramount, Calif., Lodge by E.R. Floyd A. Wilson, second from left. The four Scales were proposed by William Ezzell, right, who saw his own son Marvin initiated, and was his son-in-law's sponsor in Elkdom as well.

with Ed Faust



In the Doghouse

As your dog ages, more than ever he needs your care.

*Old dog Tray's ever faithful;
Grief can not drive him away;
He is gentle, he is kind—
I shall never, never find
A better friend than old dog Tray!*
Foster

WHAT moved that great and sensitive American, Stephen Foster, to write the above lines to a dog I do not know but certain it is that they express the affection of many who truly care for their dogs. In the five lines which you may recognize as the chorus of Foster's song "Old Dog Tray" is a summary of the things that make a dog a good dog, faithful, not to be driven away, gentle, kind and a good friend. Please don't think that this is sentimentality. On the contrary, it tells what every understanding dog owner knows.

If I had never owned a dog I would know it too through the letters I so often receive from readers of this page who reveal their pride and affection for their dogs and their deep concern for the welfare of their pets. Occasionally a letter will lament the passing of a dog, will ask what could have been done or should have been done to prevent what for the writer of the letter was a very real tragedy. Let those who casually accept dogs scoff at such regard for what to them is just another animal. The writers of such letters know better and the loss of a dog leaves a void in their lives that is not easily or soon filled. When answering there is little I can write because words are such clumsy things. Sympathy is hard to express. I can only tell what I think should have been done to avert the misfortune and continue in these pages from time to time to give such advice as I can that will aid those who are interested in giving their dogs better care.

It is the unfortunate lot of dogs that many who own them do not observe them as closely as they could. Unfortunate too is the fact that the life span for Fido is so comparatively brief—with the best of care he's crowding his luck if he is alive after he's fourteen years old. The unobservant dog owner scarcely notices the aging of his dog and when the signs are unmistakable they come as a surprise. One day the pup is seemingly the young squirt he always was; then overnight he becomes old, tired and grey. It is during these sunset years that he needs a bit

more care than is usually given him. Someone once said that the worst of all sicknesses of old age is neglect. Dogs, just like people, through the years form habits that become fixed as they grow older. The old dog is less able to adapt himself to change of routine. He requires more attention, more consideration. Particularly is this so in the matter of his food. A dog is about as old as his teeth and when they become worn chop his food finely or cut it in small pieces.

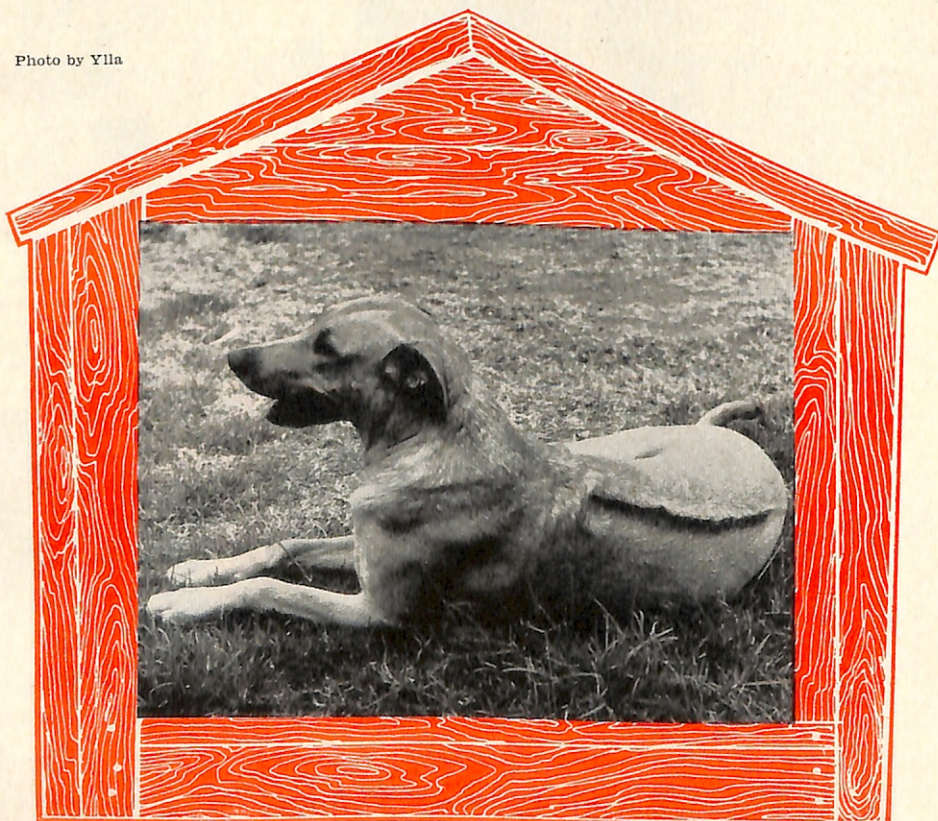
True, dogs do not use their teeth for chewing, for the teeth are gripping, tearing tools. That's why our four-legged friend gulps or bolts his meals. His digestive process takes place in his stomach, but he still has need for his teeth to grasp what he will eat which is why, when his dental equipment wears out, large chunks of food are hard for him to handle. Soft foods are in order and here is where many of the mealy, packaged, commercial foods are so useful. These need

only to be moistened with water, gravy, milk or vegetable juice. All of the better known brands contain ingredients that make a well-balanced meal.

For the old dog, hard foods and bones of any kind should be avoided. If he is accustomed to a meat diet it had best be cooked and cut in small pieces. Now is the time of life when Fido can be indulged with an in-between-meals snack or two. When he was younger he didn't need such pampering if he was sufficiently fed. While candy and such-like sweets were forbidden the younger dog, the old fellow will relish a tid-bit of this sort now and then and it won't hurt him, nor will it make any difference if it adds a few pounds to his weight. Having reached the retirement age he no longer wants to do hand springs or seek violent adventure. A few extra pounds on his chassis won't do him any harm.

The wise owner will keep an eye on
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We thought we could fool Ed Faust when we showed him this picture, but he spotted the pup right away for what it is—the rare ridgeback lion dog from the plains of Africa.



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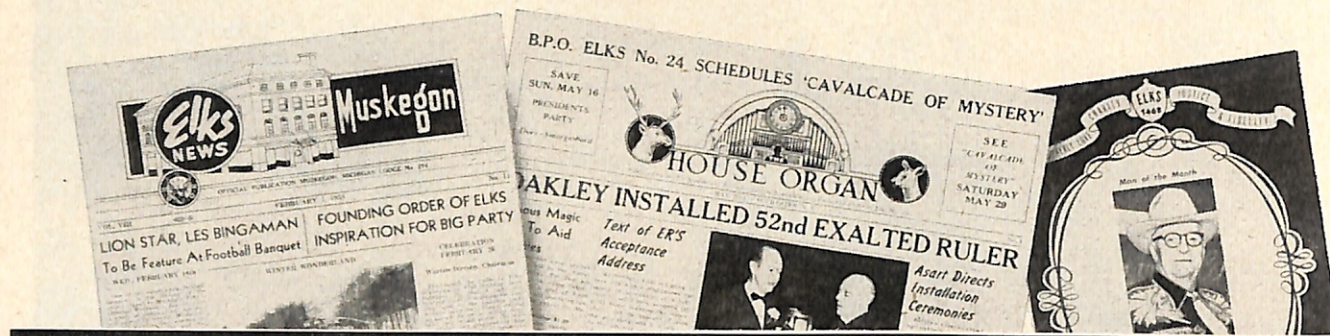
LODGE BULLETIN CONTEST WINNERS

Illustrated here with a reproduction of the lead page from each publication are the nine lodge bulletins which were selected as outstanding by the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge. Space does not allow a more repre-

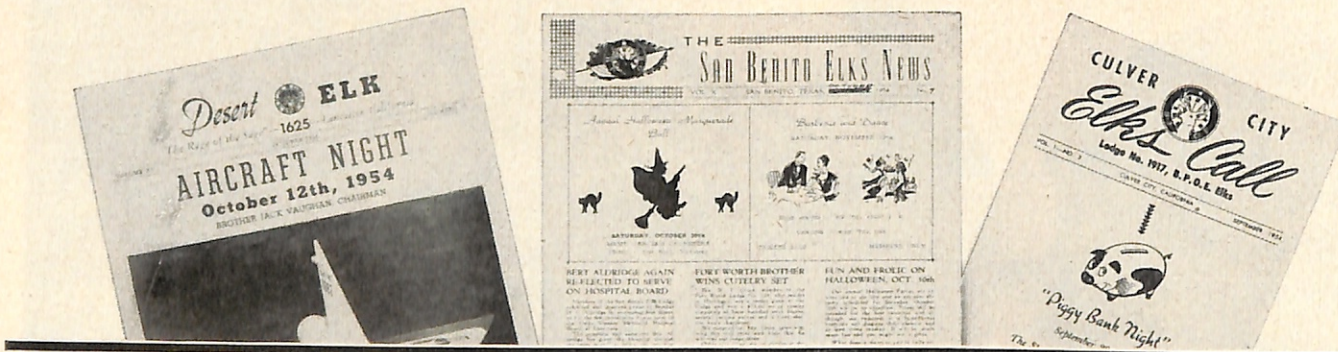
sentative delineation of these bulletins, and so it must be pointed out that in making its selections, the Committee had many factors in mind—layout, format, news coverage, tasteful presentation of photographs where possible, and dis-

criminative selection of "fillers".

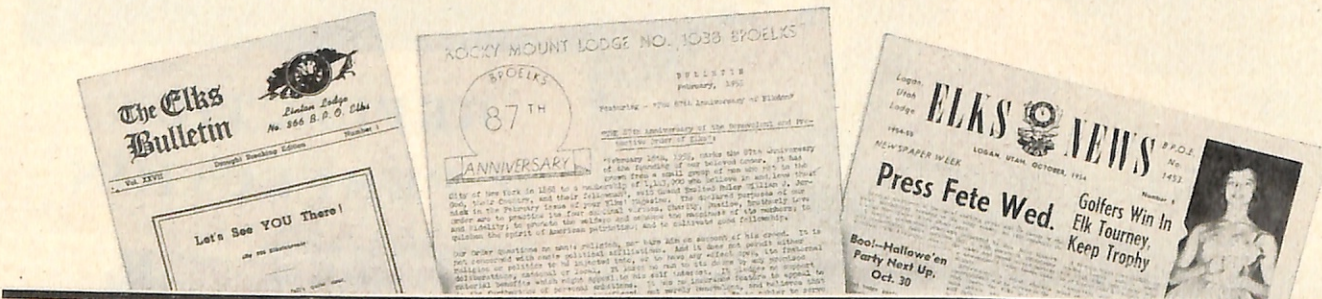
The Committee divided the entries in the usual fashion—Group I: lodges of over 1,000 members; Group II: lodges of between 500 and 1,000 members; Group III: lodges of less than 500.



GROUP I 1st place: Muskegon, Mich. 2nd place: Rochester, N. Y. 3rd place: Las Vegas, Nev.
Honorable Mention: Boise, Ida., Great Falls, Mont., Huntington Park, Calif., Poughkeepsie, N. Y., San Diego, Calif., Washington, D. C., Whittier, Calif.



GROUP II 1st place: Lancaster, Calif. 2nd place: San Benito, Tex. 3rd place: Culver City, Calif.
Honorable Mention: Anaconda, Mont., Carbondale, Ill., Chadron, Neb., Daytona Beach, Fla., Ferndale, Mich., Fond du Lac, Wis., Reading, Pa.



GROUP III 1st place: Linton, Ind. 2nd place: Rocky Mount, N. C. 3rd place: Logan, Utah
Honorable Mention: East Orange, N. J., Florence, Colo., Great Neck, N. Y., Havre de Grace, Md., Hayward, Calif., Huntington, N. Y., Kodiak, Alaska.

The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

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Lodges and Grand Treasurer Robert G. Pruitt.

A banquet was served in the Grand Exalted Ruler's honor at Atlanta Lodge at 7:00 p.m. A capacity crowd welcomed Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick at the regular Lodge session which was followed by a buffet dinner attended by over 300 members of Atlanta and other Georgia Lodges.

The next evening Mr. Jernick was honored at a banquet given by BUCKHEAD,

(ATLANTA) GEORGIA, LODGE NO. 1635. He was accompanied by Past Grand Exalted Ruler McClelland and Grand Treasurer Pruitt. Numerous officers of the Georgia Elks Association and other Georgia Lodges were present to hear the inspiring message delivered by the Grand Exalted Ruler. E.R. Russell B. Miller presided. Next day Mr. Jernick visited Elks Aidmore Hospital for Crippled Children in Atlanta. He was accompanied by Mr. McClelland and Mr. Pruitt and was met

by the Executive Committee of the hospital's Board of Trustees.

Accompanied by Grand Treasurer Pruitt, Mr. Jernick visited NEWNAN, GEORGIA, LODGE NO. 1220 for a luncheon on March 4th. Exalted Ruler John William Cook presided and the invocation was given by State Association Vice President L. S. Jamison of the Western district. The luncheon marked the formal opening of the new home of Newnan Lodge.

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cottage) with free ponies, golf—and that wonderful beach.

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The Soo Locks Centennial Exposition will open its doors for a seventy-day run on June 28th. This International exhibit is a featured promotion of the two cities of Sault Ste. Marie in Michigan and Ontario and the State of Michigan. Barges will be placed in the Coast Guard Basin, immediately in front of a natural amphitheatre, where 5,000 spectators may see, nightly, the presentation of the "Soo Centurama," a historical pageant of this interesting and beautiful valley.

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For those in the Northwest planning to fly to the 91st Grand Lodge Convention at Philadelphia, July 10 to

14th. Northwest Airlines offers some advantageous flights. Direct flight may be arranged to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and on to Philadelphia via interchange flight arrangements with other air lines. On the return direct Northwestern flight may be had from Washington, D. C., to points all along the route, such as Detroit, Milwaukee, Chicago and on to Spokane and Seattle. Both first class and air coach accommodations are available at rates, for example, from Pittsburgh to Seattle first class \$267.90 round trip. Air coach round trip \$211.40. We suggest you get in touch with your nearest Northwest office for detailed information and that you make your reservations early.

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For Elks Who Travel

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enough breathing space for tourist interests on both sides of the fence to begin mending. Lebanon has redone its fine St. George Hotel which sits over the Mediterranean at Beirut. Its dining room is no less a seat of elegance than one might find in Paris, and its broad, seaside terraces and modern decor are a delight. Syria, too, has built a big-city hotel called the New Omayyad at Damascus, sometimes called the oldest city in the world still in business. The Omayyad has 100 rooms all with bath, radio, and telephone which may not seem like much in Manhattan but it is an oddity once you're east of Rome.

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, once British Trans Jordan, is keenly aware of the advantages that accrue from international visitors. The settlement of the UN peace has left Jordan with many of the prime Holy Land sites among them old Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Jericho. A new road has had to be built between old Jerusalem and Bethlehem because the old one skirted the boundary and at one junction invaded what is now Israel as well as what is now no-man's land. Although it takes half an hour instead of eight minutes to make the trip from

Jerusalem, Bethlehem is still a rare sight for the pilgrim's eyes.

Inside old Jerusalem are the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Via Dolorosa, and the Moslem Dome of the Rock on which Abraham prepared to sacrifice his son Isaac, and also, according to Moslem belief, Mohammed left Earth for heaven. Wandering among the narrow ancient streets one can find a welter of things to buy—especially silver crosses and jackets and vests made of sheepskin, not to mention big fluffy sheepskin rugs, some of them decorated with an inlaid mosaic of various colored sheepskin forming a star.

Old Jerusalem has just added a new hotel, the Ambassador, which is a small air-conditioned building, trim and modern, with few local appurtenances aside from a fine view of the Biblical countryside from its wide picture windows. The American Colony Hotel, on the other hand, makes every use of the Arabic style.

Across the border, the young state of Israel is fast becoming a tourist center for visitors of all religions. Its techniques and style differ greatly from its Arab neighbors. For instance, one finds in the beautiful King David Hotel a breakfast

tray that rolls up to your place filled with olives, cottage cheese, tomatoes and onions, shredded carrots, butter and rolls, cream cheese, sour cream, pickled herring, and a tank of orange juice. It proved to be a local custom, a part of the morning regimen all over Israel, and the only other place I had ever seen it done was in Scandinavia.

Tel Aviv itself, looking out to Jaffa, which grows oranges and basks in the memory of Jonah who was swallowed by the whale nearby, has a wide selection of inns, among them the brand new, Miami-modern Dan. Its halls gleam with hidden lighting, its huge glass panes give out to the sea, and every room is air-conditioned, individually controlled. Tel Aviv rapidly grows into a beach resort and once outside the city limits the traveler can select of the Ramat Aviv, a sort of glorified motel that sleeps 156, has a huge swimming pool fringed with palms, and an outdoor dance floor. Up the line a bit the Sharon Hotel on the plain of Sharon is built on terraces above the beach, and all rooms have an open porch looking out to the Mediterranean. The Sharon, which puts a piece of chocolate on your pillow each night, is a duplicate of the Kalia Hotel once operated by the same owners on the shores of the Dead Sea, not far from Jerusalem. The Kalia

was renowned, a focal point for visitors from the Holy City who wanted to leave the heights for the warmth of the sub-sea-level valley and a swim in the buoyant water. But in the scramble the Arabs blew up the Kalia, and there is nothing at the Dead Sea now except a weather-worn pavilion. The site of the Kalia is now in Jordan Arab control. As for the Sharon, it was opened on the heights outside Tel Aviv one year to the very day its Israeli owners were forced to leave the Dead Sea.

Business Outlook

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psychological influence on business activity, a new element of uncertainty is injected into our economy. It is certain that if the equity market should continue to embroil more and more people into the whirlpool of speculation and if the housing boom should continue unabated, further credit restrictive measures will be taken by the monetary authorities. While because of general economic conditions these measures are likely to be mild in character, sooner or later they would affect business sentiment. In this case, too, the conclusion is warranted that any change in the credit and debt management policies of the monetary authorities or in the course of the equity market is likely to be felt more during the third or fourth quarter of the year than during the second quarter.

THE PATTERN OF BUSINESS

Business activity during the second quarter and for the remainder of the year is likely to be marked by the following characteristics:

1—There will be considerable labor unrest and the contracts that will be negotiated between important concerns and labor unions may lay the foundation for a new wage pattern in the future. While the outcome of these negotiations cannot be predicted, it is fairly safe to assume that wage increases will be granted, thus further increasing the cost of production. This in turn will further intensify the incentive for industry to introduce more labor-saving devices. The increased efficiency of labor brought about through labor-saving machinery in the long run leads to a higher standard of living and creates new jobs. Temporarily, however, it could lead to technological unemployment.

2—Competition will remain keen and may become even sharper in the future. The productive capacity of the country is very great and is steadily increasing, while man-hour output has risen considerably. Moreover, the major pent-up demand for practically all goods and services, except certain types of public works, has already been met. So long as a large pent-up demand existed, any increase in the cost of production was at

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least in part offset by a rise in prices. In many industries this will no longer be possible because of increased competition. This in turn will mean a further squeeze on profit margins.

3—The merger movement, in all probability, will continue unabated, unless it is checked either by new legislation or by a new interpretation of the anti-trust laws. The merger movement is largely the result of the constant increase in production costs, which necessitates the acquisition of costly labor-saving equipment, and of the increasingly important role played by research in the American economy at the present time. Only the larger corporations have the resources required to obtain the latest labor-saving devices and to conduct extensive research. The merger movement will embrace production and distribution, as well as finance.

4—At present there are neither pronounced inflationary nor deflationary pressures operating in the economy. Under these circumstances one may expect that commodity prices on the whole will remain more or less stable. To be sure, individual commodities will continue to fluctuate. However, the indexes of wholesale and consumer prices are not likely to undergo any material change from the level which prevailed during the first quarter of 1955.

5—The international political situation will continue to remain uncertain, and this will have considerable influence on business psychology as well as on prices of securities. What the outcome will be it is obviously impossible to state. It is fairly safe to assume that the cold war will continue and that any important improvement in this respect is not likely to occur during the remainder of the year. It may therefore be expected that defense expenditures of necessity will continue to be large, with a consequent favorable effect on business activity in this country.

6—Construction of public works in the immediate future will be at a high and increasing level. There is a great pent-up demand for highways, schools, hospitals and other public facilities. This demand results partly from the fact that during the war little attention could be paid to these problems and partly to the fact that the population has increased considerably. In 1954 the population rose by nearly 2,700,000, and an even larger increase is expected during the present year.

7—The supply of credit will be ample to meet the legitimate requirements of industry and trade. If, however, the over-optimism which has prevailed in the home building industry and in the equity market should continue unabated, one may expect that the Reserve authorities will take measures to reduce the availability of bank credit. This in turn would cause a moderate increase in interest rates. Under no circumstances, however, can one expect a repetition of the events

Important Special Message to District Deputies, State Association Presidents and Exalted Rulers from the Grand Exalted Ruler



THE suggestion has been made by some District Deputies, State Presidents and Exalted Rulers that if given a little additional time they might be able to attain Objective No. 3 calling for contributions to the Elks National Foundation of at least \$200 by the Lodge, and Objective No. 13 calling for the participation in the institution of one new lodge in each District.

Naturally, I should not like to deny anyone the privilege of attaining the over-all Gold Star Certificate Program and so I am extending the time to achieve both of these Objectives from March 31st to June 30th, 1955.

I do hope that this extension of time will enable you to go put forth that extra effort required to achieve these objectives and that I might be privileged to award to each District Deputy, State President and Lodge my Gold Star Certificate of Merit.

William Jernick

that occurred in the first half of 1953. Moreover, once the excesses in the above-mentioned spheres of economic activity have been brought under control or subside by themselves, the Reserve authorities will again adopt a policy of easy money in order to stimulate business activity and to enable the economy to grow and to absorb the rapidly increasing labor force. Experience of the past few years, and particularly since the outbreak of the Korean war, has clearly demonstrated that the credit policies of the Reserve authorities and the debt management policies of the Treasury exercise a considerably influence not only on the security markets but also on business activity in general.

CONCLUSIONS

1—Business activity during the second quarter of 1955 is bound to be at a high level, and probably higher than the level that prevailed during the first quarter. Building activity and automobile production will continue to be very strong, and this in turn will have a favorable effect on a number of other industries.

2—The volume of retail trade will remain large, since disposable personal income is high and is steadily increasing. The rise in wages that will be granted to many workers in manufacturing indus-

tries will further expand disposable income.

3—Although the economy as a whole has witnessed a healthy recovery, a certain over-optimism has developed in the home-building industry as well as in the equity market. It is evident that the number of homes expected to be started during 1955 will exceed considerably the number of family formations. If this over-optimism continues, some difficulties are likely to develop later on in the year. Efforts are being made by the monetary authorities to check the exuberance which prevails in both phases. Because these weaknesses exist, however, and because it is impossible to state when and how they will be checked, the outlook for the third and fourth quarters of the year is still clouded. At present it does not look as favorable as the outlook for the next few months.

In considering the future, one has to bear in mind that on the whole the economy of the country is sound, productive capacity is great, and productivity is increasing. Furthermore, the population is expanding at a rate which only a decade or so ago was thought impossible, while the standard of living of the people is rising. The economy is dynamic and enormous sums are being spent on research which creates new products and

new methods of production. A dynamic economy not only creates new values but also destroys old values. Finally, the economy of the country is highly competitive, even though the merger movement has been accelerated in recent years.

A free economy such as exists in the United States is bound to have its ups and downs. Development during 1953-54 as well as during 1948-49 has clearly demonstrated that a major depression such as occurred during the '30's, accompanied by large-scale unemployment, is not likely to take place. The actions of the government played an important role

in preventing the 1953-54 readjustment from degenerating into a major depression and it may be expected that if business activity should decline other measures will be taken by the government to keep the economy sound and growing. Yet while one has every reason to be optimistic about the future, the business man must realize that competition will become keener and that only those who are efficient and able to cut costs will do well. Since the economy is growing and the standard of living of the people is rising, all those who are ready to meet this challenge will find not only 1955 but also the future years profitable.

Twilight Kill

(Continued from page 4)

"No, Eddie. They're here. But they'll be going very soon."

"You can see them on the porch," another of the children said. "Open your eyes and you can see them, Eddie."

"All right, so you can see them on the porch," McShane said. "It doesn't mean they're going to hurt you."

It wasn't hard to see the two men on the wide veranda of McShane's own cabin, nor difficult to make out the smaller figures of the hostages they held. One of the men stepped out before the cabin now. His name was Siljo—Everett Lawton Siljo—convict, killer, thief. Mr. Siljo, wanted by the police, and with his picture posted in so many public places, was fond of playing a Frank Sinatra recording that McShane had in the cabin: "Wanted—Someone To Kiss Me." It made him scream with laughter. At the moment, Mr. Siljo had a .30-.30 rifle in his hands. He moved it carelessly, yet even at this distance many of the children backed away. There was fear on most of their faces.

"Nobody's going to get hurt," McShane said, "if you do as you're told." He was sick of rendering these reassurances in which he did not believe. He turned to one of the counselors. "They're all here, Al?"

"Fifty-eight of them, Mac. All but—well, you know."

You wouldn't call them especially fancy kids, but they were scrubbed and clean looking at this hour in their blue shorts and their white shirts, with the camp insignia proudly on their chests. They were, with only a few exceptions, the sons of New York City policemen. It had been McShane's idea to run a camp where the charges wouldn't run any more than \$14 a week. He knew very well that cops with kids were always lean in the pockets. It figured that way and, if the cops were honest, it had to be that way.

McShane could not say truthfully that he enjoyed the company of children. He liked them well enough, he thought he understood them; he felt for them, too, but he would a damned sight rather have been with people his own age. Some times

when all the kids got to howling and being too cute and he was expected to be a "great big daddy" to them, like it said in some camp folders, he'd as soon have kicked them all into the lake. He knew it was his conscience that had made him start a camp up here in the first place. He had a tough kind of conscience to carry around. It was the blight of his life. It was always protesting against this own free choice. Now he looked at the kids and their faces were full of love for him. He wanted to run and hide because at this moment he felt like a no good bum. But instead he had to make a speech to them.

"Look now," McShane said, "all of you are friends of mine. You know that. I was a cop for more than twenty years, like most of your fathers, and any fellows here, whose fathers don't happen to be cops, it's nothing against them. You should all know that a cop's got two things to do. Number one, he enforces the law. I mean he locks people up for doing the wrong things—driving crazy on the roads, for instance, stealing, or hurting people. That's one thing a cop does, when he can. I said when he can."

He watched them all for a minute as he lit a cigarette. It looked as though they understood what he was saying. He gazed out at the lake at the end of the day and the lake was silver and quiet and beautiful. It was shaped like a woman's long and thin and extended arm. It was eight miles long and very narrow in some places. There was a rowboat, upside-down and dry on the grass, and there were two canoes, the same way, upside-down. I can always cross in a boat, McShane was thinking; it still wouldn't be too late for that.

"Now the other thing a cop has for his job, and it's the more important thing—you can ask your own fathers—is the protection of people. That's why I'm telling you now to do as you're told. We don't want any heroes. We don't want volunteers with great big muscles. That goes for the counselors, too. Especially the counselors. Relax, Al. You too, Hermie. All of you kids keep gazin' up the hill and what do you see? You see

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Francis and Cookie on the porch with these men, and a lot of you may go to bed tonight and cry tonight because of Francis and Cookie."

McShane looked away from them then, out over the lake to the white birch trees on the opposite shore and the rich green hills where cattle sometimes grazed. His own small herd of dairy cows, unattended now, were lowing near; there were sixteen of them, Holsteins, undisturbed and stupid-looking, two of them with their forefeet in the shallows of the lake. It kind of serves me right, he was thinking, for liking cattle better than kids. McShane, who had not wept in his adult life, didn't believe that this was just the right time to begin.

"There's no use my lying to you boys. You know what's happening. Those fellows up there have Francis and Cookie and they say they will kill them—shoot them in their heads, if anybody interferes. You've got to believe them. I've got to believe them. All the cops and state troopers and sheriffs' men for twenty miles around here, they've got to believe them and let these men ride out of these mountains with Francis and Cookie in my car. I know, because I've talked to the police, but what the cops or anybody else can do about it, I don't know. They'll be leavin' here in ten or fifteen minutes."

"Look, Mac." It was Al, the counselor.

"We've got nothin' to talk about, Al," McShane said. "If you've got something real good to say, you should write it down. I don't want to sound nasty, or like I'm the real big boss, but it's got to be this way. You all go to the 'rec' hall, like I told you earlier—everybody goes, the boys first, then the counselors, because these fellows will be counting how many of you go; they know exactly the number of boys and counselors we've got. You stay in the 'rec' hall, every one of you, until it's over. There'll be a ball game on tonight. There'll be the Giants and the Braves."

"Cookie and Francis," somebody said, and a few of the kids were crying.

"You can all pray to God for Cookie and Francis," McShane said, then he turned away from them. Pray to God for them, he repeated to himself, and he asked the question: What else?

He walked back up the hill, still slipping on the pine needles, with his short leg hurting, aching like a tooth, protesting his weight. Turning once, he could see the children filing into the big wooden shed, most of which he had built himself, working up here in the spring and autumn months, living up here on the pension his disability had earned for him. The kids went into the "rec" hall in an orderly fashion, obedient, with their counselors behind them. McShane continued to climb and he could see Siljo waiting on the porch for him. Siljo was standing alone, without the other man, Rickard. Francis and Cookie were both inside.

"We goin' to have a nice sunset, com-

THANKS TO OUR FOUNDATION

In our March issue, Dickson Hartwell had a human interest article about the Elks National Foundation, and in it he told of several specific cases where the Foundation had contributed to the education of a worthy student. This work of the Foundation is particularly noteworthy in the field of cerebral palsy.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, who is Chairman of the Foundation, has received a most interesting letter from Mrs. Rosalie A. Roberts, Speech and Hearing Therapist, that is particularly timely in view of Mr. Hartwell's article. The following paragraphs are from her letter:

"Our speech program at Joseph P. Kennedy Memorial Hospital, which I had the privilege of instituting five years ago, is a large and varied one and has been greatly helped by the funds made available through the Elks Foundation. We are providing speech help for a large number of cerebral palsied children.

"My work at the University of Iowa in the summer of 1953, made possible by the Elks Foundation, has been of great value to me and the credits acquired are being applied toward my doctorate in this field. I am currently a part time student at Boston University.

"I can proudly say that through the help offered so graciously by the Foundation, I believe I have been able to accomplish a good deal more in the field of speech for the cerebral palsied child, and for the whole field of the neglected brain injured retarded child.

"I trust you will hear more of my work, for there is still a great deal more that needs to be done. I hope that I can continue to prove that all children are valuable and a responsibility of the entire community.

"Thank you and the Order of Elks for your humanitarian program in the field of cerebral palsy."

ANOTHER APPRECIATION

As we were going to press, Mr. Malley forwarded a second letter from a recipient of an Elks National Foundation grant, expressing appreciation of the contribution that the Foundation had made to her education and work in the field of Cerebral Palsy. This letter from Mrs. Shirley Baldwin Norton of Scarsdale, New York, sponsored by White Plains Lodge No. 535, reads as follows:

"I thought you might be interested to know that I will start work this summer as an Occupational Therapist on the staff of Kennedy Memorial Hospital. I eagerly anticipate my work in the field of Cerebral Palsy. I loved my two months of clinical training there, and found constant evidence of the wonderful help your foundation has given this hospital. I am ever grateful to the Elks for their generous assistance to me."

missioner?" Siljo asked. The title, "commissioner," was a taunt, rubbed free by now of any comic import, but based on the fact that McShane had been a cop. Siljo, of course, despised all policemen, and either he or his partner had managed to kill one getting this far. Their hope of survival, largely for this reason, rested with the children whose lives they controlled. Yet Siljo was no hophead. McShane had decided. He was vicious, intelligent, calculating, calm. He had probably figured, with some justification, that his own and his partner's chances were not too bad. They'd ride out of here in McShane's own car and with more protection than the Queen of England for as long as one of them held a revolver at the heads of two small boys. Siljo, like McShane, was looking out to the lake and the hills. He scratched himself idly.

"How does it look out there for tonight, commissioner?"

McShane set himself for the blow that would follow his reply. "You know how it looks out there, you rotten——!" he said, and it was worth the careless,

sweeping slap across the mouth that he received. Siljo, looking greatly amused, whistled into the barrel of the .30-.30 that had once belonged to McShane. "I'll tell you this much, commissioner," Siljo said. "I think it looks real nice."

McSHANE was silent. These acres in the hills, bought cheap, comprised the only place on earth he had ever felt entitled to call his own. "Mine and the Lord's," he had said once in exultation, but the arrogance of the phrase had frightened him, so that he had reversed the partnership, putting himself in second place. That was the first time his conscience, intrusive and annoying, had complained. He had been a widower, a reasonably young man living up here on his pension like a Daniel Boone emancipated from the Bronx. He was a natural for the place and he had dearly loved it, cows and all, especially the cows, until his conscience began to say, "Why don't you share it, McShane? Why be a hog?" and he had started the summer camp.

"One lousy little ol' helicopter floatin'

over them woods tonight, with a cop in the cockpit droppin' tear gas, and these kids is dead," said Siljo now. "One road-block and the kids is dead. One motorcycle cop on the main road and it's the same thing, commissioner. One siren, even. You told them that?"

"I told them that. I told them twenty times. Nobody has to get nervous with a gun, nobody," said McShane.

"Well, let's go then," Siljo said.

The other man, Aaron Rickard, was younger than Siljo. He was very tall and thin. He had straw-colored hair and pale eyes that never blinked. He had a thin, straight nose and a narrow mouth. He wore a leather jacket that didn't fit. His hands were strange. They always perspired and they were ten inches long from his wrists to the tips of his middle fingers. His hand around a .38 made it look like a teaspoon. This man, whose presence frightened McShane, nevertheless took orders from Siljo. He led Francis Reagan and Cookie Armando out to the porch of the cabin again.

"There's nothin' to wait for," Siljo said.

They started down the incline towards the lake and McShane's old sedan. Siljo said he preferred it to the camp's less dependable and more easily recognized station wagon. Francis Reagan walked first, as he had been instructed. He was a tall boy, nearly fourteen years old, skinny as a stork, a dreadful athlete, yet unspeakably brave. It was one of those things. His father was a detective sergeant, the 14th Precinct, Manhattan.

"You," Siljo said to Cookie.

And Cookie went next. He was twelve. He was very dark from the sun and he looked as Italian as eggplant *parmigianne*. He was a comedian, and there were marks on his face from the times he had failed to amuse Aaron Rickard or Everett Lawton Siljo. If, internally, he was less secure than Francis, he was also younger, and he had more imagination. His father was a traffic sergeant in the Mott Haven section of the Bronx. Aaron Rickard walked carefully behind him.

"You, commissioner," Siljo said, and that was the way they went, in single file, yet close together, down through the slippery pine needles and the sweet smell of the trees.

The lake was eight miles long and east of it there was no road at all. There was a marsh to the east, as oozy and dark as a melting chocolate sundae. The road went west, out of McShane's own fragment of shore front, up and around and through the clean, hard forest, circling the west end of the lake uneconomically, so that, in all, the trip was sixteen, seventeen miles. The mountain road led into Route 12A, a thirty-five minute drive, if you didn't break any springs. The road would be open. McShane knew that, for what else were the cops to do? Run up a big net? Throw a bomb? Call Siljo and Rickard nasty names through their loud speakers? With Cookie and Francis rid-

ing in the car, the police, however close to the road, would make no clumsy rush. And in their place, he had decided, I'd do the same.

McShane's cows wandered close to the shore. The lake looked dull as a glass eye, dull and cold, and only the white birch trees were vivid on the other side. Forty-five minutes from now there would be no light, which was as Siljo had desired it, as he had planned it, for reasons of his own. He wanted the twilight as far as Route 12A; after that, only Siljo knew.

The single rowboat and the two canoes were still on shore. Here, at the narrow waist of the lake, it wasn't more than a quarter of a mile across. *If I got to the other side, McShane was thinking, I don't know what I could do. Dump a log on the road as they came down the steep grade over there? Throw myself on the road like a bag of sand? Bite the tires with my teeth? God knows I ought to try something, but it didn't make much sense.*

"You like boats, commissioner?" Siljo said.

"Do I what? Like—what?"

He tried to look dumb, but there was no profit in his pretending. Siljo grinned, then walked over with the .30-.30 in his hands and blew two holes in the belly of the rowboat. He fired a shot into each of the more easily splintered canoes. The cattle scattered clumsily, all but the one between the boat and the canoes. This animal whirled and stumbled, then stopped and looked up at Siljo. After the four gun blasts, the silence returned to the lake, the forest and the hills. The shadows gathered. Siljo, wearing a strange smirk on his face, raised the .30-.30 once again and shot the cow between the eyes. The Holstein went down, silent and heavy, like a car that slipped from a jack.

"You——!" McShane said.

He spoke the favored, applicable phrase, but this time Siljo didn't bother to hit him. Siljo listened wistfully to the lingering timbre of the blast. He reloaded the rifle.

"I'll make those cops out there as nervous as they can be, won't I, commissioner?" Siljo said.

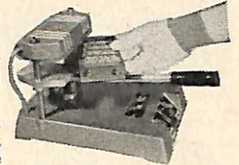
Aaron Rickard was already in the back of the car and he spat dryly through one of the windows, as though disapproving, but Siljo looked at him in Siljo's way, so that Rickard did not say anything.

"All right, we go now," Siljo said.

And Francis and Cookie, who was crying, got into the car, sitting next to Siljo, as they were directed. Siljo started the motor. It idled smoothly, the mixture being exactly right. The cheap car purred like a \$1,000 watch because Siljo had worked on it that morning. The tires were good, the tank was full. Siljo didn't speak; he just started away, and all McShane could remember for the next few minutes were the faces of the two kids in the car, looking back at him in unspoken despair, as though, all along,

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they had believed he would do something more than stand beside a dead and bleeding cow.

Then they were gone.

Sweet, merciful God, McShane said, not in exclamation, but in prayer. There had to be something he could do, however impossible the something might prove to be. There were deadfalls of timber on the other side. That much he knew, but he supposed it was the sort of thing that any dwarfed mind would entertain. The trouble was that Siljo had made himself so completely clear about roadblocks of any kind. He tried to think of some other way to wreck the car when it came down the grade on the opposite shore about thirty minutes from now. He believed that anything would be better than letting Siljo and Rickard through to Route 12A and trusting them from there.

McShane looked again at the blasted bellies of the boats. His frustrations choked him because he feared to swim the quarter mile. He did not swim well. The lake, where the springs ran deep, was colder than icebergs, colder than death. He was afraid, and while he was being afraid, he took off his shoes and his pants and his shirt. He feared even more doing nothing at all. . . .

A HUNDRED YARDS out he was exhausted. He had been swimming too hard. He had been threshing his arms like a man trapped in hay. He began treading water. He wanted desperately to turn back. Here, at this depth, the freezing water made his bad leg ache. The pale birch trees on the other shores looked impossibly distant. His chest hurt from the effort he had made, but he began to swim again, less desperately this time, persuading himself that he had a chance, that only his fear was holding him back. It seemed to him that he swam almost as slowly as a floundering child taking lessons, which was true. Don't panic, he thought, don't panic now. Once he looked back to his own shore and he found what he expected to find—that he was half way across. There wasn't a choice left to him.

It was so silent here, so lonely. His strength was nearly gone, but the deep, penetrating cold that at first had made the pain rage in his leg had numbed it now. The only agony he knew was that of effort, which was unrelenting. It would be so easy to forget the effort, he was thinking, to abandon all the trying and to go down into the water that was no longer cold . . . so, so much easier that he prayed again: *Lord, give me the hem of Your garment.* A light wind swept the surface of the lake and, as he swam, the suddenly choppy water slapped at his face. He swallowed some of it. There was a pounding in his ears, as though they were swelling and would burst. He tried again and again and then the birch trees were very close, so close that he had hope again and did not abandon effort until

his good leg, reaching downward, touched a stone, and the passage was made. He floundered forward. He rested, all but naked, and freezing on the shore.

How long had he taken to swim the quarter mile, he wondered. Ten minutes? Fifteen? Twenty? McShane didn't know, but he could still see clearly, up through the birches to the winding road, though the dusk was fast coming on.

He heard the car faintly, but he wasn't able to measure its distance away. He climbed up to the rough and narrow road to where, as he had known, there was a deadfall of trees. But he could no more budge the first massive trunk he selected than he could have lifted the world from space. All he managed to do was skin his hands on the brutal bark. The effort made him reel. He wasn't thinking well or planning sanely now. He was being frantically, almost therapeutically busy, as though to remove his emotional need. He saw one heavy stone, the size of an office safe; it was above the road and, if dislodged, it could conceivably roll into the path of the car descending the grade.

McShane tore his feet in the thicket, grappling with the bedded, unmoving stone. He found a stout dead branch to use as a lever. He gained a purchase under the stone. He strained with unnatural effort until the dead branch splintered and broke. He fell with the snap of it and lay exhausted. He could hear the car very close to the place where he had labored and fallen. He was sobbing and weak and his wits were no longer dependable.

For instance, it seemed to McShane, as the car came on, that he was seeing, or imagining, cows in the road—cows of all things, driven by a man in overalls, who disappeared on the other side, quietly into the brush—cows in double and bumping columns, crowding close together, turning, looking lost on the narrow road, making their bleak sounds, acting so real that McShane believed he could smell them. It was an illusion, he thought, imposed by his recent experience with Siljo. Or wasn't it? McShane didn't know. But then the car stopped in

the crowded road—stopped still; then it was real enough.

Siljo, the driver of the car, got out of it, holding the .30-.30, his expression very strange. He looked around in the cool twilight, apprehensive, but not convinced of what he should do. McShane saw that. He also saw the indecision on the face of Aaron Rickard, who sat with the .38 in his hands, only inches behind the two boys. McShane stood almost erect, then moved a trifle forward. He watched Siljo swing the .30-.30 by its barrel at the cows, but not wholeheartedly, because all kinds of thoughts must have been crowding Siljo's head. McShane moved forward, step by little step, his heart not beating—and then he heard the two shots, sharp and murderous. He never looked toward Rickard. He dove instinctively at Siljo, who had fallen, and he was punching at Siljo with a stone in his hand for almost a minute before he realized that Everett Lawton Siljo was dead.

"Take it easy, Mac; take it easy now. will you? There's no percentage in breaking your hands."

McShane, sitting in his underwear, looked up. He saw a lieutenant of state troopers. The man looked pretty fancy in his grey whipcords and his wide-brimmed hat. He had too much stomach under his belt, but he was a big enough man to be excused. His name was Kovacs. There were now more cops than cows in the road. Searchlights had dismissed the twilight. The whole place glared like a big pool table, brilliantly green. Aaron Rickard had never moved from the back of the car. He sat fairly erect, but there was a bullet in his head, too.

"We only fired two shots," said Kovacs. "We had the right men in the right places and they were instructed not to miss."

He helped McShane to his feet and McShane could see Cookie and Francis, just off the road, looking all right at the moment, even though there was a doctor there and a nurse in a white uniform. Someone handed McShane a coat and he gratefully put it on.

"You know, for country cops," he said to Kovacs, "you fellows did all right."

The big trooper smiled. "You swam the lake, McShane?"

"That's right; I swam the lake."

"Why did you?"

"Well, I'm a real fancy swimmer, Kovacs. I'm like an eel with a keel. Look, tell me something more important. How come that you thought of cows?"

"Well, they're cheaper than people," Kovacs said, "and we were afraid of any other kind of roadblock. Cows look so innocent. You know what I mean? And who the hell would shoot a cow?"

"You're asking me?"

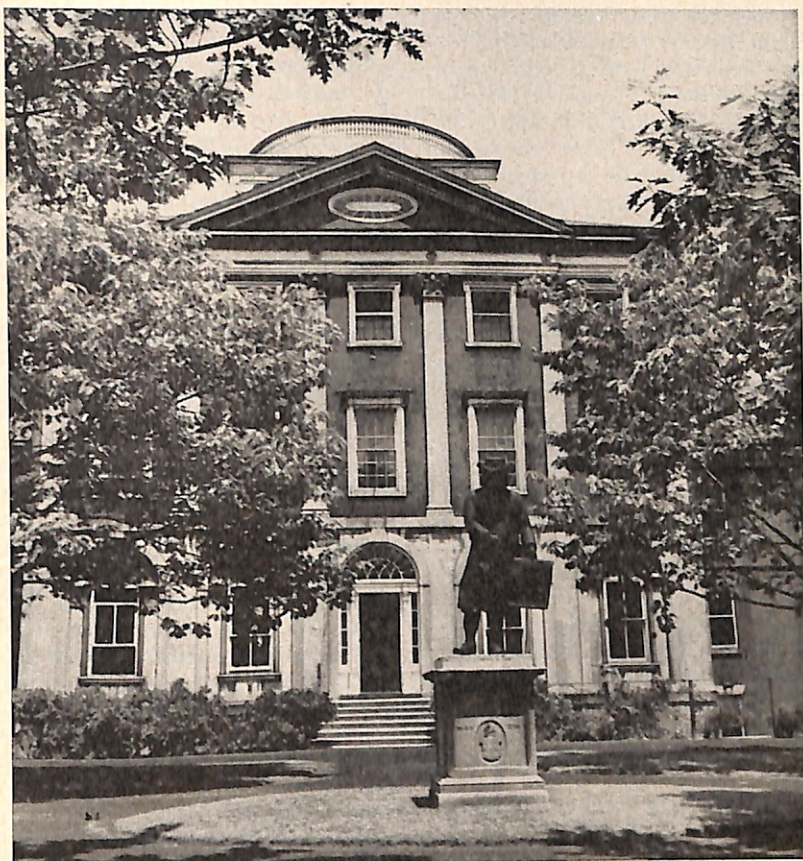
McShane buttoned up the borrowed coat and stepped over the body of Everett Lawton Siljo. He could see Cookie and Francis coming towards him now.

FRIENDLY GESTURE

In October issue of The Elks Magazine appeared an illustrated article about the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of Bedford County, Virginia, and the selection of the grounds and main building of the Elks National Home as the location of several of the most important events of the celebration.

Further evidence of the friendly neighborly, cooperative spirit shared by the citizens of the city and county of Bedford and the management and residents of the Home comes in the form of word received that the Bedford County Ministerial Association held its Union Easter Service at the Home.

PROCLAMATION GIVES CONVENTION DETAILS



One of Philadelphia's many historic sights which will be of interest to Convention visitors is the original building of Pennsylvania Hospital at 8th and Pine Streets. Founded in 1751 by Benjamin Franklin, this was America's first hospital. The statue of William Penn was admired by Franklin on a visit to England and subsequently donated to the hospital by Penn's grandson.

Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick has followed up his Proclamation about the Grand Lodge Convention, which we published in our January issue, with a second Convention Proclamation providing details not then available.

The Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia will be Headquarters for the 91st Session of the Grand Lodge, and the Burgundy Room on the lobby floor has been set aside for Registration of Grand Lodge Members. There will be an opening public meeting Sunday evening, July 10, followed by four morning Business Sessions from July 11 to 14. All meetings will be held in Convention Hall.

Registration of Elks attending the Convention who are not members of the Grand Lodge will be at the Philadelphia Elks Club, 1320 Arch Street. Room reservations for Subordinate Lodge

Representatives and all Elks and their families, and uniformed bodies, should be made through the State Associations. Neither the National Convention Committee nor the Philadelphia hotels will accept reservations direct from lodges or individual Elks. Rooms will be allotted to each State Association.

Lodges planning to send Drill Teams, Drum Corps, Bands or Singing Groups to the Convention should communicate immediately with the Philadelphia Convention Committee, 1320 Arch Street. Uniformed groups will be invited to participate in various Convention activities and contests will be held in categories in which sufficient competition is indicated. All contests will be limited to members of the Order, and rules and regulations will be obtainable from the Philadelphia Convention Committee.

CONVENTION NOTICE

Each State President or Chairman of Ritualistic Committee has been furnished with entrance applications for entrance in the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Contest which will be held in Philadelphia July 9 thru 12. These applications should be filed as prompt-

ly as possible. The prizes for contestants have been increased—this year's prizes are as follows: 1st—\$1000; 2nd—\$500; 3rd—\$250; 4th—\$150; 5th—\$100. The Ritualistic Committee urges each state to have a representative in the National Contest.

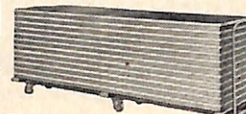
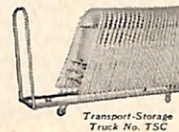


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Rod and Gun

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down the road along shore to a spot where a short, narrow slough passed under a plank bridge and into the lake. The smelt, he told us, ran into this little slough to spawn as well as up the larger brooks that entered the lake. It was a particularly good place because it didn't attract the crowds that congregated at the regular inlet streams. In fact, when we arrived, there were only about fifty people elbowing past one another on the little bridge and milling around the mouth of the slough watching the water.

No smelt had arrived yet, so we hadn't missed anything; however, we were too late to stake a claim on a good location near the water. The best we could do was peer over shoulders or peek under arms to see what might be going on. Several of those in the front row were continually searching the mouth of the slough with flashlights. After a long hour of waiting and watching, someone suddenly shouted: "Here they come!"; whereupon everyone closed ranks, nets at the ready position. Out in the lake where the beams of light bent into the water we could see hundreds of the shiny little fish, packed close together and easing in toward the slough like a tide line on the change of water.

EVERYONE was silent and expectant as the smelt swam hesitantly almost to the slough, stopped, milled around, then slowly ebbed back out again into the black water of the lake. The crowd relaxed again and commenced talking. Somebody cracked an old joke, something about the boy who brought home a string of fish, three sunnies, and one smelt, and the others laughed.

A moment later the fish started in again. The talking stopped immediately and the fishermen stood ready for the kill; then the smelt turned and went out again. This process continued for more than an hour, the swarming mass of little fish coming in almost as far as the bridge, time and again, and each time changing their minds and easing back out again, like waves in slow motion lapping a shore. By now there was no more laughing and chatting. The strain was telling. Nerves were on edge. Finally something snapped. A man standing next to one with a flashlight turned to the fisherman on his other side and said in a voice loud enough to be heard half way across the lake:

"If some of these idiots around here would turn off their dang-blamed flashlights, maybe they'd come in."

Across the slough someone returned the comment in a stage voice for the benefit of all: "What we need is more light. That concentrates them."

"It drives them out," said another.

"Gotta have more light above the bridge if we're going to get 'em up in the slough where we can trap 'em," joined

another member of the flashlight faction. "The light attracts them like moths."

"Don't need any light a t'all," cut in one more fisherman. "You don't see any of them little fish carryin' a lantern, do you?"

All was silent then for a piece, but the tension was there. Those with flashlights continued searching the water, those without looked grim, and the little fish kept innocently milling around and around, in and out. One man near the mouth of the slough put his net in the water at his feet, cupped his hands over the handle and leaned on it, like a farmer on a hoe handle, whereupon a big fellow on the bridge turned the spot of his light on him and yelled: "Hey, you down there, if you don't take that net out of the water, you'll find yourself in there with it!" The man took his net out of the water, and I retired a safe distance down the shore.

Another half hour went by in silence. Finally, when the swarm of smelt came in temptingly close, a fisherman whose patience had run thin suggested: "We better take them now if we're going to. This is as close as they're going to come tonight."

"No it isn't."

"Yes it is."

"You dip your net just once and you'll find it wrapped around your neck."

The several of us who had come together teamed up for protection and retreated still farther down the shore.

Then the rain came. It came in great sheets that frosted the surface of the water white. It would slacken for a minute, only to come again, roaring across the lake like the distant rumble of an oncoming train. But not a smelter gave ground. They turned up their collars, hunched their shoulders and let the rain drench them. It was raining too hard even to light a cigarette. No one said a word.

IT WAS past midnight when it had settled down to a steady rain, and the smelt continued to mill in and out, in and out. Finally when the mass of them surged in as far as the bridge, someone broke under the strain and, without a word, jumped into the middle of them, net first, and commenced swinging. In a split second everyone was in the water, those with boots and those without, all dipping wildly and shouting and laughing. Most of them came up with nothing but old leaves and water-soaked sticks off the bottom. In no time the water was so muddy that no one could see anything, and that went for the smelt as well as the smelters.

The way those nets were flying, it was just as well we had moved a safe distance down the shore. From where we stood one of the fellows turned the beam of his flashlight out into the lake and there, six feet away, was a steady stream of smelt parading by along the edge of deep water. We immediately spread out and made our first try at smelt dipping.



This interesting photograph was taken in January when Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick visited Oregon. With him are prominent Oregon Elks. The historic, framed theatrical poster dates from 1876 and bills Charles Vivian when he toured Oregon theaters with a vaudeville troupe. In New York eight years previously Vivian and the fourteen other Jolly Corks founded the Order. The small type under the line "Vivian!" reads: "In his famous drawing room entertainment of songs, sketches, anecdotes and impersonations with wonderful change of voice, face and costume." This poster, greatly enlarged, will be displayed in Philadelphia at the Grand Lodge Convention in July. Photographed with the Grand Exalted Ruler are, left to right: Frank Hise, Corvallis Lodge, member of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee; John Graham, Exalted Ruler of Salem Lodge; Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan, Portland Lodge, and Earl T. Newbry, Secretary of the State of Oregon and Past Exalted Ruler of Ashland Lodge.

One fellow had a real smelt net while the other four of us had come equipped with trout landing nets, which we soon discovered was one of our mistakes. The short handle wasn't such a handicap. We could get them in all right—in fact, on one dip when I trapped a packed school of them head-on, I think I must have had a five-pound limit at one sweep, but freshwater smelt are so slim that they pour through a trout mesh like water through a sieve. We would do well to get one or two ashore out of each dip. Finally we gave up and took turns using the one smelt net—all except one diehard. He walked down the shore with his trout net, then every few minutes returned and emptied wiggling little smelt into our gunny sack out of every pocket, including his shirt pockets, and a few from the inside of his shirt.

Up until the time we started dipping, the five of us had taken a rather critical, grandstand view of the whole proceedings, but before we were finished we were splashing as much water and making as much noise as anyone on the lake. I was wearing hip boots, which had kept my legs dry at least, although the rain that still came down steadily had soaked me upstairs. However, in my eagerness to make a bigger haul each time I dipped

the net, I soon found myself standing belt-deep in water. Boots never were any more than a temporary benefit to me anyway. That big hole at the top of each one always gets me in trouble.

Before we completed our limits most of the smelters from the slough were strung out along the shore on either side of us splashing, dipping and laughing. The tension was off now and everyone was catching smelt and having fun, rain or not.

At 2 a.m. it was all over. At least we did have a sack full of smelt, than which there is no fish sweeter eating, but we were wet, cold and done in. One of the fellows eased himself back in the car seat, took a deep breath and said: "Even if I do have to go to work at 6 a.m., I'm glad we came. Next year, now, I'll know just what to do—stay home!"

The chances are good, though, that he'll miss another night's sleep this spring when the word is passed that the smelt are running in Bomoseen. He'll be in there dipping and splashing and filling his shirt pockets with smelt as eagerly as anyone else.

The smelt gets into a man, all right. He may not be as anadromous as a salmon, and he may be only a half-pint, but he sure creates a big stir.

Tebbetts—The Players' Favorite

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were delighted. Pitcher Fred Baczewski commented, "You couldn't have anyone better to play for," and Howie Judson, another hurler, observed, "Birdie knows how to handle pitchers; fact is, he can handle anybody . . . the right way."

Johnny Temple also would agree. Tebbetts, in his opinion, has already "arrived." Temple's enthusiasm is understandable. Birdie gave Johnny a fair shot at the second base job. As reward, Temple batted .307, paired with shortstop Roy McMillan to lead the league in double plays and showed his spikes and temper to every base-runner in the league. Nor does he spare his own teammates.

"Johnny has cussed out every player on our own club," Tebbetts said. "He hasn't got around to me yet, but I'm sure he will."

Tebbetts leans towards the kids who want to play, such as Ed Bailey, the 23-year-old catcher with the home run power. Bailey was bemoaning the fact that Birdie used him only against right handed pitchers. As the squad prepared for one road trip, Bailey cracked, "Wonder if I should take my mitt with me." Tebbetts, hearing the remark second-hand, was not amused. But he said nothing and continued to use the left-handed-batting youngster against right-handers.

Yet Bailey is quick to tell you how Tebbetts improved him, in footwork, batting, throwing, and handling pitchers. "Birdie gave me a sort of ballet exercise that helped me shift weight quickly—that's vital to a catcher, you know—and

he spotted right off that a split second was wasted in my throw to second. I was cocking my arm, then finding the seam with my fingers. He taught me to find that seam while I was drawing back my arm.

"Birdie changed me at the plate, too. He knew I struck out a lot (on slow curves mostly) so he changed my stance and suggested I choke the bat. He helped me do everything better. He has a knack of spotting the things you are doing wrong."

WHICH RECALLS how and why General Manager Paul happened to hire Tebbetts, whose managerial career, at that time, consisted of one season at Indianapolis, a Cleveland farm. The rumor at the time—September, 1953—was that Cleveland might release Al Lopez. In which case, Lopez probably would have been the Cincinnati skipper. When the Indians re-signed Lopez, Paul's attention was focused on Tebbetts.

By way of giving Tebbetts' career a boost Hank Greenberg, the Cleveland general manager, permitted Paul to read Birdie's starkly candid report on the players in the American Association. Paul had never seen anything like it.

Tebbetts dropped the players—mind you, players on all eight teams in the league—into four categories: Recommended Majors Immediately, Recommended Future Majors, Fringe Majors, Recommended AAA League, meaning the American Association, the Interna-

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tional League or the Pacific Coast League.

Classification was only the beginning. Tebbetts spared none of the pertinent details. Of one good player he said, "Always takes the first pitch, usually hits and runs on the second; play him to right field, close up the hole in right center; pitch away from him, stay down, will bunt."

Other comments plucked at random: "Is hippy, may go fat in few years."

"Not recommended, disposition is faulty."

"Not recommended, horrible disposition."

"No power, playboy."

"Fringe major league, selfish hustler."

"Major League stuff and great arm, screwy in the head. Eliminate head and I recommend—get a good surgeon."

Tebbetts also included "book" on rival managers, contents of which have never been made public, and for obvious reasons. One Cleveland executive said the organization considered Tebbetts' report a "model for all minor league managers—we show it to all of our men. So many fellows, you know, are afraid to commit themselves."

Paul was no less impressed. After reading the report his interview with Tebbetts was almost a formality, probably the only time in major league history that literacy and the pungent phrase led to a managerial assignment.

ACTUALLY, Tebbetts possibly was least surprised by his quick promotion. It's just what you'd expect of a fellow with tea room manners, the charm of a dimpled Irishman, the handy vocabulary of a mule-skinner, the needling wit of the bench jockey, the facile pen of the magazine writer, the smooth persuasiveness of the insurance executive, the forthright testimony for a legislative investigating committee.

Manager Tebbetts, a chunky 200-pounder, looks like none of these things although he qualifies in each instance. Now 43, he looks more like a well-dressed stock broker grown careless about his waistline. However, back in New England his precocious nature was evident long before he took on the appearance of a well-fed cherub.

In baseball, the Detroit Tigers first had evidence of it. One day President Frank Navin and Scout Wish Egan were discussing Tebbetts, whose college expenses were being paid by the club.

"Wish, I don't know about this boy," said Navin. "Maybe he's a bad investment, but he sure does write beautiful letters."

Tebbetts has been living by his wits ever since. Even so, the managerial switch to the big leagues was almost too quick for Birdie. He went to the 1953 World Series as the guest of the Indians, wound up sitting in the Cincinnati box with his new bosses. In the second game a 3-2 pitch eluded Roy Campanella, the Brooklyn



Birdie Tebbetts, left, chats with Redleg General Manager Gabe Paul, center, and Ted Kluszewski prior to opening of 1955 Spring Training.

catcher, and Yogi Berra raced to first.

"Go, Yogi, go," yelled Tebbetts, an old American Leaguer. Realizing suddenly that Paul was looking at him, Birdie switched, "Get the ball, Campy, throw him out."

Tebbetts first move at Cincinnati was characteristic. Acknowledging he knew little about the National League, he went to the best catchers in the league and began asking questions. From this he developed his "book" on the hitters on the opposing clubs.

"There are two sides to baseball," says Tebbetts, the philosopher. (He holds a college degree in Philosophy.) "The human approach and the statistical. When I took the Cincinnati job I made up my mind to accept the facts as they are. I believe in treating every ballplayer as an individual. Also, I rely on the records, even though I'm not what you'd call a batting average guy."

"I believe in studying the statistics. You need to know if a certain player hits well in, say, the Polo Grounds, or does especially well against a certain pitcher. That's all to the good. Such records help me run my club."

"Too, don't forget today's ballplayer is different. You can't bully him. They used to, but we're living in a different age. That doesn't mean I humor them. I just treat 'em alike, or at least I try to."

Cincinnati fans acclaimed Birdie as their kind of a guy before the 1954 season was half gone. Attendance increased by 156,081 although the Redlegs finished a scant two games ahead of the sixth-place Cardinals. Tebbetts' willingness to gamble, his imagination and his deep-seated confidence in his own judgment appealed to the fans who have been suffering with a lackluster second division team since 1944. Not since the flag-win-

ning days of Bill McKechnie could the cash customers thrill to the daily battling of the Redlegs.

Like the day Birdie rigged up a "shift" for Stan Musial, Cincinnati was leading, 4-2, in the eighth and Red Schoendienst was on first base. Birdie benched shortstop Roy McMillan and inserted fleet Nino Escalera with instructions to play in right-centerfield between Gus Bell and Wally Post. Shortstop was left open. The third baseman was alerted to guard against a double just inside the bag. The first and second baseman moved back to the edge of the grass.

"I figured Musial would have to hit a home run to beat us," Tebbetts explained later. "If he did, okay. But I didn't want him to beat us with a double or triple off the right field fence. If necessary, we would concede him a single through the shortstop hole."

As it turned out, none of these things happened. Art Fowler fanned Musial, probably because the hitting star was "going for the fence." Tebbetts didn't employ that maneuver again because "the right spot didn't develop, but we will."

Birdie's managing is a mixture of the old and new. Last season the Redlegs tried the sacrifice bunt with one out 38 times. Rival teams bunted only 11 times against the Redlegs in similar situations. Birdie's bookkeeping shows that in 14 out of the 38 plays the runner thus advanced scored.

Many experts agree that Tebbetts is a happy blend of Leo Durocher and Charley Grimm. Like Durocher, he knows when to gamble, when to surprise the foe. Like Grimm, he has a "feel" for the handling of players, for the proper approach to star and rookie. Tebbetts, however, isn't naive enough to expect miracles from sacrifice bunts, an occa-

sional "shift", statistical charts and pep talks. Fact is, he'd swap all his charts right now for one 20-game winner. Cincinnati hasn't had one since Ewell Blackwell won 22 in 1947.

"Give Birdie the pick of two pitchers in our league and he'd give the top teams a real run for it," summarized Fresco Thompson, astute Brooklyn executive, after watching the Redlegs in spring training at Tampa.

The facts support this view. Cincinnati has run-producing power—Kluszewski, Ray Jablonski (obtained from the Cardinals), Gus Bell, Wally Post and Jim Greengrass, the five of whom drove home 524 runs in 1954. Last season the Redlegs scored three less runs than the pennant-winning New York Giants, but the pitching simply wasn't there.

McMILLAN AND TEMPLE are a superior double play combination, their play around second enabling the club to tie the league record (194) for twin killings. The catching is good—Andy Seminick, 35, Hobie Landrith, 24, and Bailey, 23—and the outfield is adequate. As for pitching, Birdie's best are Corky Valentine, Joe Nuxhall and Fowler, each of whom won 12 in 1954. Help in 1955 could come from Fred Baczewski, Rudy Minarcin, Gerry Staley (formerly of the Cardinals), or Jim Pearce. And the bullpen corps looks promising—John Klippstein, Howie Judson and Jackie Collum, who may prove of some help.

"The Giants went from fifth to first in one year (referring to the Giants of 1954) and we can too," Tebbetts says hopefully. Such ambition is commendable and understandable, but the less partisan view gives the Redlegs a fine chance to

oust the Phillies from first division. To move higher the team needs a 20-game winner, a strong "stopper" when the inevitable slump threatens. Tebbetts, however, will continue his pennant talk until there is no longer a mathematical chance.

Tebbetts' staying power was well established long before he became a manager. Jack Burns, one-time first baseman for the Browns and that year (1936) with the Tigers, likes to tell about Birdie's big league debut. Mickey Cochrane was sick, so the Tigers called Tebbetts from the Beaumont farm club.

"We were taking infield practice and Tebbetts was the catcher—the only catcher we had," Burns recalled. "Marvin Owens threw the ball into the dugout on one play and somebody tossed it back to me. Tebbetts turned around, expecting to get another ball from the guy hitting to the infield. I wheeled and threw the ball, thinking Birdie was expecting it. He wasn't. The ball hit him in the face and down he went."

"It looked like he was hurt bad. But he was revived and finally said he could catch. And catch he did. Not only that but his hit tied the game in the eighth inning and we went on to win it. Later, Birdie came to me and said, 'Burns, when you hit me with that ball, you helped me; it loosened me up!'"

Later that year the Tigers decided to ship Tebbetts back to the minors, one of several consigned to Toledo. The others showered after the pre-game workout and sat in the stands during their last day in Detroit. Birdie remained in uniform. Manager Cochrane, running short of pinch-hitters, handed Birdie a bat in the 14th inning. His sharp double won the game. Tebbetts' travel orders were rescinded

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and he stayed in the league for 17 years.

Tebbetts also holds the distinction of being the only catcher ever "knocked out" while sitting in the bullpen. Detroit was in Cleveland for an important game in the 1940 flag race (which the Tigers won). Earlier, a Cleveland fan had hit Hank Greenberg in the head with a tomato. As it turned out, he was lucky. Tebbetts was sitting in the bullpen when a huge basket of groceries—tomatoes, lemons, bananas, apples, cabbages and rutabagas—landed on his head. The blow knocked him cold.

IN A foul temper, Tebbetts later accosted the fan who had been caught throwing the tomato at Greenberg. Birdie threw a few punches and wound up in court charged with assault and battery. The judge, a baseball fan, dismissed the case, observing: "Baseballs and not tomatoes are supposed to be caught by ball players. What kind of a ball player would Tebbetts have been if he had not lost his temper? Discharged." The judge was Frank J. Lausche, now the governor of Ohio.

Oddly, the bleacher clientele in Detroit soured on Tebbetts in the early 40's. When he returned from three and a half years in the service (Captain in the Air Corps), Tiger fans literally booed him out of town. Of this drab experience, he has said, "I couldn't seem to get going; they crucified me." Detroit swapped him for Hal Wagner of the Red Sox in 1947, giving him a chance to play under Joe McCarthy in 1948-49, whom he still considers a master at handling pitchers.

Boston sold him to Cleveland after the 1950 season where he served as reserve catcher for two seasons, then moved down to Indianapolis as pilot of the Indians' top farm club. At the end of that season, Eddie Stumpf, the front office boss, was complaining because he had lost a brilliant aide.

"He's the best I ever saw at evaluating players," Stumpf says, "absolutely the best—he doesn't miss."

Indianapolis fought savagely to finish fourth, but there was time for a laugh here and there, sometimes at Birdie's expense. There was the day Birdie went out to the mound to talk to Bill Zuverink,

who held a one-run lead in the ninth with a Kansas City runner on second. Short-stop Sam Dente joined the huddle at the pitcher's mound.

"Are you through?" asked Sam.

"What's your rush?" Birdie snapped.

"When are you getting outta here?"

Dente growled.

"When I'm good and ready. Why are you so anxious?"

"Because," said Dente, "we're trying to pull the hidden ball trick on the guy back here."

Birdie's frequent brushes with the umpires are usually more amusing than bitter. He was tossed out only twice during the season at Indianapolis. After the second banishment, Fred Fitzsimmons, the Minneapolis manager, consoled him: "You were right, the umpire missed the play. But you shouldn't allow yourself to get upset. This is just a game. I do my job and leave the umpires alone."

"A few days later we were playing Fitz and he threw the most titantic rage I ever saw, and the ump gave him the boot," Tebbetts laughed. "As he passed our bench, I said, 'What were you saying, Fitz?'"

"Go jump in the lake," he snapped and hustled on to the clubhouse."

Tebbetts' most embarrassing moment last season involved him and Bill Stewart, the veteran umpire, since retired. The play was a low line drive to Gus Bell. Stewart ruled he trapped the ball, Tebbetts was sure he made a legal putout. It was Birdie's turn to go on a rampage.

"Why don't you quit?" snarled the rookie skipper. "You blew it in the World Series (referring to a controversial pick-off play in the 1948 series), you blew it in the All-Star game (referring to a play at first base two years ago) and you blew this one. Why don't you quit?"

That would have been the end of it, except that a photographer nearby relayed Tebbetts' caustic blast to the newspapers. Tebbetts apologized to Stewart the next day, later making a typical off-hand observation:

"Arguments with umpires are just like fights with your wife. They shouldn't be repeated or reported . . . because you may be having dinner with either that same night."

In the Doghouse

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his dogs' teeth. Decayed teeth should be promptly removed, which of course is a job for a vet. Bad teeth cause bad breath in most cases. Besides, such teeth are likely to be painful to the dog. Any accumulation of tartar should be gently scraped from the teeth with a dull knife or similar instrument. Fido's teeth should be cleaned at least once every few days and for this any mild toothpaste and soft bristled brush will do the job. I suggest a paste rather than a powder because the latter if inhaled by the dog will result in unpleasantness for both dog and owner.

If the pooch has been accustomed to having his teeth cleaned, as they should be, while he was younger the task isn't going to become a domestic riot which it would if the tooth brushing is only introduced to him in his old age. Regardless of age, however, this is a job for two people, one to hold the dog and the other to brush the teeth. If Mr. Dog proves to be a violent skeptic about tooth brushing, don't you get violent with him. Shouting, evidences of anger or rough handling won't make the business any easier.

The old dog will still require regular

exercise periods but they should be shortened to allow for his age. Don't take him for long walks or walk him too fast. He may think that he's just as able as he ever was, which oddly enough is a human weakness too, but he isn't. He may still fancy himself as a rip-snorting, dog-deestroying demon when he meets another dog but don't let him sell you that idea. Another younger dog on the war-path won't give a hoot about age and will tear into the gaffer just as enthusiastically as he would into any other dog of any age. The owner of the old dog will do better as a peacemaker than a matchmaker. Fido's only fighting weapons are his teeth and the older dog with poor teeth is handicapped at the start of a canine Donnybrook.

One of the chief enemies of the old dog is dampness, with draft running a close second. With age will come rheumatic afflictions more often than not and for these there is little to be done other than to keep the dog away from dampness and drafts. Being less active he'll be more inclined to lie around any place that suits him or that you permit. But being older he is more susceptible to colds and chills. His sleeping place should be warm and dry. But not too warm, too close to artificial heat, because when he ventures into an unheated place he'll feel the difference more and that difference can signal the beginning of an ailment that may result in calling for a veterinarian's services. Young dogs can endure sharp changes of temperature better than their elders.

Violent play should be taboo for the old dog. He needs more rest, more sleep and more quiet. His hearing may not be as good as it was but this may not detract from his ability as a watchdog. Dogs that are deaf often are excellent watchmen and this is so because they, like

most dogs, are quick to sense vibration caused by anyone walking and their sense of scent may still be as keen as it was when they were younger. Let your old dog get all the sunlight he wants. It is good for him. If he is kept outdoors in summer don't worry about his remaining in the sun too long; he'll know when to seek a shady spot and such a place should always be provided for the outdoors dog. Dogs are the original sun bathers but in this they usually have more sense than some of their masters and know when they've had enough sunlight, especially when the days grow warm.

There should not be any let down in the matter of grooming. The old dog needs a little more attention to his coat. But his baths can be less frequent than formerly. If his coat doesn't become soiled a bath every six weeks should be sufficient provided he is brushed and combed daily. When grooming him handle him gently and be sure that the teeth of the comb you use on him are dull and your brushing isn't too vigorous.

IT IS ONLY simple fairness in return for its affection and loyalty to get veterinarian attention for the old dog as soon as you detect any sign of illness. Don't try, as some do, to home doctor your dog. This is bad enough when the dog is young but is a much more serious injustice to the old dog.

Should there come that time when for its own good you or your vet decide that the old dog would be better off if it were not alive, then be sure that the vet takes charge. The vet knows how to put an end to your dog's life quickly and painlessly and for the devotion the dog has given to you he has well earned this simple act of justice on your part.

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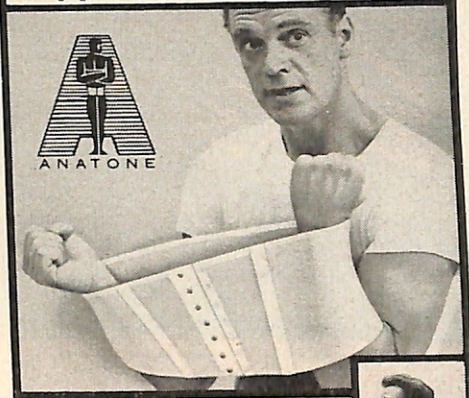
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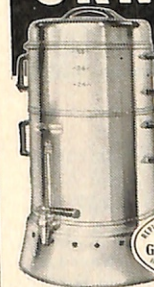
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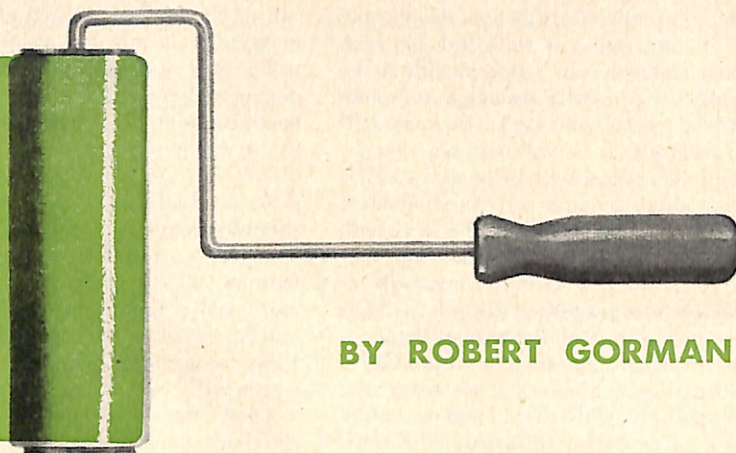
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The paint-it-yourself movement has mushroomed in the last few years as new formulas have taken the place of skill and experience. Flow-controlled paints, rollers, and a double-dozen accessories now make it possible for you to do a first-rate job even if you've never handled a paintbrush in your life. Protection against color streaking, uneven patches, and brush marks is practically built into present paints.

But in the process of taking care of know-how, manufacturers have created a new problem—the know-what. You hear about interior and exterior coatings, oil and water paints, flats and enamels, alkyd, casein, latex, vinyl, and acrylic. What do the names mean? What do you look for when you have to make a choice?

WHAT IS A PAINT "TYPE"? For all its variations, paint is made up of three essential elements—*pigment* that gives it color and hiding power, a *binder* or *vehicle* that holds the pigment particles together and sticks them to a surface, and a *solvent* that liquifies the mixture so you can brush, roll, or spray it on.

Though pigments and solvents make a difference, it is chiefly the vehicle that gives each type of paint its special character. Linseed and similar vegetable oils form the base of most exterior house paints and flat oil paints. Varnish is the vehicle that gives enamel its gloss and surface hardness. All these are classed together as oil paints.

Some people put *alkyds* in the same loose category though the binder used in them is quite different. They have, in fact, replaced a great many older paints be-

cause they combine durability, and ease of application with a range of finishes from high gloss to a lower luster than can be obtained with oil. Virtually all that alkyds have in common with true oil paints is that they are also soluble in mineral spirits.

Virtually all the disadvantages of the early "synthetic" paints have been overcome by paints that use *latex*—synthetic rubber—in place of the earlier emulsions. Latex binders accomplished the surprising feat of making water-thinned mixtures completely waterproof. Once the solvent evaporates, these paints form a tough, washable, rubberized film.

And the last few months has seen an outpouring of even newer mixtures that are still called paints but might better be described as plastic coatings for your inside and outside walls. *Vinyl*, the base of one such series, is probably familiar to you already in the form of upholstery fabric or floor covering. *Acrylic*, another new type, is the chemical name for such sparkling plastics as plexiglas and lucite. Both are smooth spreading, quick drying, and extremely durable, and are available in a limitless range of colors and surface textures.

EXTERIORS. Within this huge category, the nature of the work again narrows your selection. Are you going to paint wood, shingles, stucco, brick, concrete? Is the building new or has it been painted before? Some paints are designed only for masonry, others for wood, and a few are said to be suitable for any type of surface and for new or repaint work.

You can't base your selection on paint type alone. Oils, enamels, vinyls, acrylics, and a few latex compositions, are formulated for different kinds of exterior service and one brand of, say, vinyl paint may be different from another brand of the same basic type. You can trust manufacturers' labels, but make sure that whatever paint you buy is specifically recommended for your kind of wall or trim.

If the paint-can label advises you to prime a new wall before painting it, you

can save yourself a lot of trouble by following directions. Cement, stucco, and mortar contain lime, and unless this is sealed by a suitable undercoat, it may burn through in patches and discolor your paint. One of the big features of the most vinyls and acrylics is that they resist the action of lime and can therefore be used even on new masonry.

Oil paints are still well in the lead for the outside of wooden houses in part, perhaps, because successful rival formulas are still very new. Some of them contain fungicides to combat mildew discoloration. Unpainted wood almost always requires an undercoat to seal the pores and keep spongy areas from soaking up the top coat. If your house has been painted before, if the surface isn't badly scaled or weathered, and your new color isn't too different from the old, a single coat will probably be sufficient. It will pay you, however, to prepare the surface properly. That means cleaning off grease and grime, dulling glossy spots with sandpaper, scraping or wire brushing all loose or flaking paint, and priming any bare surface that may be exposed by this treatment. Any paint can be brushed on, but if you want to use a roller or spray make sure the label says it's okay for the kind you select.

Self-cleaning paints are good on either wood or masonry if they are used in the right places. These paints keep a house cleaner looking for longer periods because they form an ever-renewing top film that "chalks off." When the chalky film is washed away by rain, it carries along the dust and grime that has settled on the surface. In the process, however, it can streak walks, basement-window trim, concrete footings, and the like.

Even if your painting time is strictly limited, don't try to buck the weather. Never start painting if it looks like rain. Ditto if it's windy enough to plant bugs and dust on your freshly painted walls. And watch the temperature, too. Vinyl paints shouldn't be applied when the thermometer drops below 50 degrees. Oil paints have a better bottom limit (40 degrees) but with this kind you have to be careful to avoid some midsummer hazards. Hot weather and direct sunlight

may dry the solvents too fast and blister the surface. Vinyls can be used right after a rain; oil paints should never be applied to a surface that is even slightly damp. Acrylic-based exterior paints are generally highest in price but they have the happiest tolerance for cold weather and wet days. That could make them a good choice for the amateur painter who has to get top mileage.

INTERIORS. In different mixtures, the same basic paint types are available for inside-the-house work. All the immulsion type paints can be applied with a roller; so can most of the alkyds, oils, and enamels, but don't take this for granted unless the label says so. If you want to use a roller, ask your dealer for the right kind to go with the paint you select—different naps and textures work better with some kinds.

Easy clean-up is one of the most appealing features of the latex and plastic paints, but if you have never used them before, don't take it too literally. You have to clean up *fast*. The paints dry quickly, and once they do they can't be washed off.

Being washable, latex paints can be used in more places than the earlier "water paints," but there are still a few limits that may affect your choice. They "set," or dry to the touch in a couple of hours, but it then takes 30 days before the "cure." They shouldn't be washed—certainly not scrubbed—before then. And pause a bit before you put a latex paint over wallpaper. It will go on wonderfully, but its waterproof skin will make

trouble should you want to remove the paper later on.

If you really want to get a precise tint, by all means take advantage of your paint store's color service. But don't do it just out of caprice or whimsy. Whenever a can of ready-mixed colored paint will serve just as well, think twice before you have one blended to order. The addition of tube colors may weaken a paint's hiding power, so there may be times when you will need two coats of a custom color to do the job of one coat of ready-mix. When paints are tinted at the factory, chemists make adjustments for losses in pigment strength.

And despite the wonderful systems that have been developed for coloring paints to order, you can't be sure that tints will be exactly uniform from one can to the next. That means if you miscalculate your requirements or later have to go back for some touch-up paint, you may not be able to obtain a precise duplicate of your original shade. This, too, is less of a problem if you use ready-mixed colors, because they are prepared in large batches under more closely controlled conditions.

Nevertheless, tinted-to-order paint is often the perfect answer to a decorating problem. If you use it right you can avoid most headaches. When you need more than one can for a room, plan your work so you won't have to switch to a new can in the middle of a wall. Tiny differences in shading are much more noticeable side by side than when they appear on adjoining or opposite walls.

When you match colors, make allowances for lighting and surface texture. A shade you see under fluorescent lighting in a paint store may look a little different in daylight or under living-room incandescent lamps. Your eyes may trick you, also, when you try to match wall and trim paint. A low-lustre surface usually looks lighter than the identical shade in high gloss.

Though there are many tricky problems connected with any good paint job, it isn't necessary for you to know all the answers. It will help, though, if you know the questions. Study your house before you tackle any major work and then take advantage of your paint dealer's specialized knowledge. You can do this best if you give him accurate information about the type of surface you want to cover, its condition, area, present color, and the effect you want to achieve. Tell him about any special problems and requirements, such as washability, scuff resistance, exposure to soot and industrial fumes, dampness, mildew, excessive sunlight or the lack of it, and whether you want to use brush, roller, or spray. From among the many types on his shelves, he'll be able to recommend one or more that can meet all your specifications.

And armed with the right paint, the right tools and the right information, you'll find it's easier than ever to make your house look young again.

THINKING OF PAINTING?

To supplement this month's article on types and uses of paints, the *Elks Workshop* is making available a splendid illustrated booklet of 36 pages prepared by E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. and called "Going to Paint? Here's How." While of course du Pont's varied paint and varnish products are incorporated in the booklet, there is a great deal of general practical information under the subjects *Walls and Ceilings, Woodwork, Floors, Furniture and Outside House Painting*. Most helpful are the "Do's and Don'ts" at the end of each chapter. Please use coupon below to order the booklet, for which there is no charge except a three-cent stamp to cover postage. We would be interested in your comments about our *Elks Workshop*.

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MAY



The month of May is generally thought of as the month of new life and growth in nature and a quickening spirit in man.

A poetess, dreaming of a visit to Arcady, properly picked this month for the trip.

"It was the month of May
And all along the pleasant way
The morning birds were mad with glee
And all the flowers sprang up to see."

As Elks, for the past years we have started the month with our Youth Day the first of May with the purpose of making May Day American and the determination to do so.

Too long had the first day of this merry and joyous month been appropriated by the Communists and devoted to the exploitation of their totalitarian and atheistic doctrine.

Each year the celebration by the members of the Order of Elks of a Youth Day devoted to teaching to the youth of our country the principles of Democracy, strengthening their faith in God and their faith in man, has grown in breadth of observance and in effectiveness.

May all of us have caught the up-lift of the spirit of Youth Day and may the inspiration of its observance carry us on through the month with a brighter outlook on the problem of the present and greater courage and greater strength with which to meet the problems of the future.

RELIGIOUS FAITH



A statement made by the Reverend Georges Bissonette, the priest of the Augustians of the Assumption, who recently was ordered by the Soviet Government to leave Russia, emphasizes that the recent change of the personnel of the Communist government does not

mean any lessening of its anti-religious propaganda.

On the contrary he stated that the rise to power of Krushchev means a shrewder campaign against religious faith and observance in which an attempt will be made to develop a plan of attack based on scientific claims as a substitute for the campaign of ridicule which admittedly has failed.

And so, in this instance the Communist leopard does change his spots but he does not at all alter his propaganda purposes.

We cannot too frequently, or too strongly, remind ourselves that the basic conflict between the Communists and us is the conflict between atheism and the worship of God.

Recognition of that fact undoubtedly is responsible for the evident tendency for our people to turn in these days of doubts and foreboding to that divinity that shapes our ends; to strengthen their faith in God.

We believe that there is very general and growing recog-

nition among the American people of the soundness of the statement by President Eisenhower that:—

"The foundation of all liberty is religious faith."

ARMED FORCES DAY



President Eisenhower has proclaimed May 21 as Armed Forces Day.

It will be a day for paying tribute to those who are serving and have served in the armed forces of our country; for taking stock of our state of preparedness in the face of the danger posed by Communist aggression; for demonstrating to the world that we are united in our determination to defend freedom everywhere against those who would conquer and enslave.

On Armed Forces Day each of us has a standing invitation to visit our posts, camps, bases, vessels, armories and the other facilities which constitute the national defense system. We should all avail ourselves of this opportunity. For each of us must surely recognize that so long as there are nations in the world bent on conquest by the sword, we will be compelled to rely on the effectiveness of our armed forces as a shield of freedom. While we fervently pray that the test will never come, every citizen will want to know how well prepared we are to defend our freedom if it should.

The nation-wide observances on Armed Forces Day will once-again give notice to our people and to the world at large that America, as ever, is ready to meet the forces of tyranny in the cause of preserving our heritage of freedom.

But this show of the nation's might, of the combat effectiveness of our armed forces, will have a greater significance. Its meaning will be one in which right thinking men, men of good faith—on both sides of the Iron Curtain—can take heart. The observance of Armed Forces Day will signify, not power alone, but **POWER FOR PEACE.**

IT'S GOOD TO WORK



Last September we felt that with 76.6 per cent of the members of the Order home owners and 92.9 per cent family men there was a need for our own approach to the booming "do-it-yourself" field, so we started our "Elks Workshop." With any magazine, a new department represents an editorial risk as far as reader interest is concerned, but now, nine months later and spring in the air, it has developed that far from taking a chance we were betting on a sure thing.

Elks like to work—not only in the lodge but at home. Much to our gratification we have in our files more than 700 voluntary letters urging us to "keep up the good work." To that we say, "We will as long as you do." And we expect that will be quite a long time.

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